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NO REPRIEVE IN ILFORD CRIME

BOTH PRISONERS TO PAY PENALTY.

HOME SECRETARY'S DECISION.

EXECUTIONS IN LONDON NEXT TUESDAY.

The Press Association is officially informed that "the Secretary of State, after careful consideration of all the circumstances, is unable to advise interference with the due course of the law in the cases of Frederick Francis Bywaters and Edith Jessie Thompson, who were convicted of the murder of Percy Thompson."

The date of execution, as previously announced in the "Pall Mall Gazette," has been fixed for next Tuesday, that of the female prisoner at Holloway and that of Bywaters at Pentonville.

"A VULGAR AND COMMON CRIME."

WHAT HOME SECRETARY HAD TO DECIDE.

So the fate has been decided of two lovers who have figured in a murder, the features of which have stirred the public to a far greater depth than any other of its kind in recent years.

Although, in the words of the judge at the trial, "a vulgar and common crime," and lacking all those items of mystery which as a rule make such crimes famous, yet it possessed all those incidents of sensation which give it a leading place among the most notorious cases of the century.

THE HOME SECRETARY.

The Discovery and After.

First there was the discovery of the man, stabbed to death at midnight, the arrest of his wife and her lover, then those astounding letters of the woman's read at the police-court telling the man of how she said she had tried to give her husband poison, followed by the remarkable scenes at the trial.

Never before, perhaps, have there been such incidents witnessed at the Old Bailey—queues of people waiting nearly twenty-four hours to gain ad-

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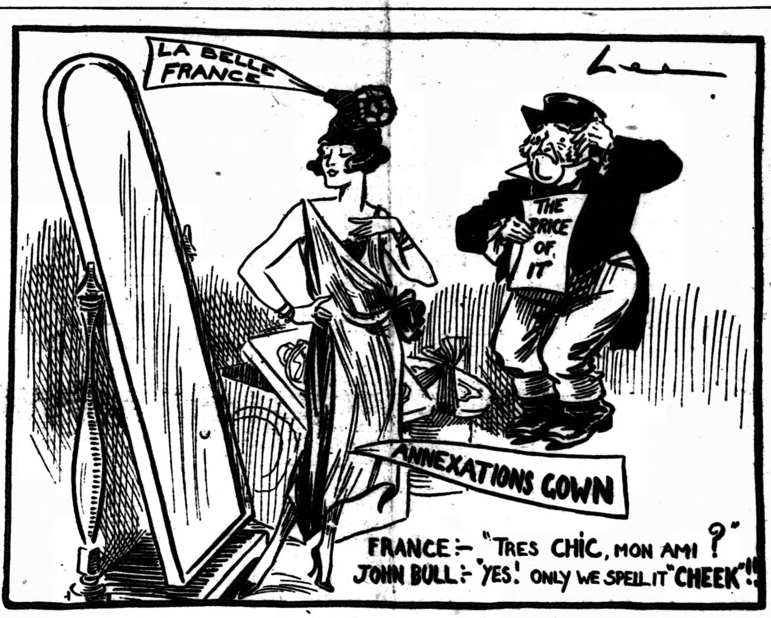
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FRANCE:— "TRES CHIC, MON AMI?"
JOHN BULL:— "YES! ONLY WE SPELL IT "CHEEK"!!

TRYING IT ON!!

MEANING OF POINCARE'S ACT OF SABOTAGE.

FULL LIBERTY TO PURSUE HER OWN ENDS CLAIMED BY THE FRENCH.

Mr. Bonar Law, after his three days' fruitless effort to bring France to reason, will be back in London to-night.

The Entente has been sabotaged.

For the moment Great Britain stands outside the arena and can only watch, with the deepest concern, the next steps to be taken.

France, backed by Belgium and Italy, it is understood, is determined to seize part of the Ruhr, and in other ways enforce "sanctions" on Germany. We shall know what these are on January 15.

There is still a possibility that America may intervene, as she did in a critical stage in the war. All eyes are fixed on Washington.

The Paris Press, while paying lip service to the Entente, makes it clear that France claims liberty of action in all questions, including that of the Near East—an ominous assertion.

MR. BONAR LAW ON WAY HOME.

NEXT MOVE IN THE TANGLED SITUATION RESTS WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

FROM OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

Mr. Bonar Law has left Paris, and is due to arrive in London at half-past seven o'clock this evening.

To-day in unofficial quarters the situation is summed up in one sentence:—

"The next move rests with France."

There is no attempt to minimise the gravity of the position, and the next meeting of the Cabinet is awaited with some anxiety.

Mr. Bonar Law hoped that Ministers would be able to meet to-morrow, but at the moment they are so widely scattered that this is impossible.

The Prime Minister will, however, consult such members of the Cabinet as are available immediately on his return, and a full meeting of the Cabinet may take place early next week.

During the past twenty-four hours the telephone lines between Paris and London have been busy, and it is admitted by those who are back with the British delegation that M. Poincaré's attitude at the Conference is backed by the overwhelming mass of public opinion in France.

"FRIENDLY RUPTURE."

Neither surprise nor emotion is expressed in the newspapers this morning at the failure of the Conference, says a Paris Reuter telegram.

All the papers, however, lay emphasis on the fact that M. Poincaré and Mr. Bonar Law have themselves declared that the breakdown of the Conference will in no way affect the friendly relations of the two countries.

Indeed, the majority of the newspapers refer to yesterday's event as a "friendly rupture."

It is declared, moreover, that it is Great Britain and not France which leaves the Conference in a position of isolation.

France's "Vision."

"France," said a high authority to-day, "is looking ahead; she is visualising the next war.

"What she wants is the greatest measure of security she can possibly obtain, and that measure of security demands the Rhine frontier and the mineral wealth of the Ruhr and the Saar.

"These are the things which, putting it broadly, France wants to secure while there is a chance."

How far she will succeed remains to be seen.

The British Government have de-

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RENT STRIKE ALARM.

INCREASES WITHOUT NOTICE TO QUIT.

OWNERS HELPLESS

THOUSANDS OF POUNDS INVOLVED.

"It is a scandalous state of affairs, and will spell ruin for a number of property owners unless immediate steps are taken by the Government to provide a remedy."
—Property Owners' Secretary.

The House of Lords' decision that rent increases without notices to quit are illegal, and the probable sequel in rent strikes, has sounded the alarm among landlords.

There is already a strike in Paddington, where tenants are demanding the return of the amount of the increase.

Thousands of pounds are stated to be involved in London.

CALL FOR NEW ACT

OWNERS WHO IGNORED WARNING.

The dispute at Paddington is confined to one side of a street.

The premises occupied by the "rent strikers" are three-roomed tenements, for which they pay 12s. 6d. a week.

On the advice of a solicitor, the

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NO REPRIEVE IN ILFORD CRIME.

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mittance—the intensely dramatic note of the proceedings inside, culminating in that moment when, as the dread sentence of death had been passed, the man made one last cry to save the woman, and the latter, in a state of collapse, was carried below.

Death Sentence Controversy.

By his decision the Home Secretary has ended the extraordinary amount of speculation raised in the discussion that has followed the passing of the death sentence on the two lovers.

The task of Mr. Bridgeman was a most difficult and, at the same time, momentous one, in view of the problems that were involved, as evidenced by the great number of letters reaching the "Pall Mall Gazette."

MRS. THOMPSON.

There were those who advocated reprieves on the ground of objection to capital punishment generally. Others championed the cause of Bywaters on the ground of his youth and the influence of the woman, and in some cases that his was a crime of passion, committed to some extent on the impulse of the moment.

General Questions.

Those who pleaded for the life of Mrs. Thompson urged her sex, among other reasons, and that she did not strike the blow.

But, apart from the principles involved in this specific case, the controversy has gone deeper into general questions relating to the death penalty, foremost among which, apart from arguments for and against capital punishment, was the problem. "Should a woman be hanged?"

Last Woman Hanged.

That the last woman was hanged as long ago as 1907 had been regarded by many as a tacit acceptance of the principle that we had ceased to put the death sentence into execution as far as females were concerned.

A large number have still expressed themselves as opposed to the idea on the ground of sex, but an extraordinary feature of the discussion in these columns has been the advocates of hanging for both sexes—if the circumstances warrant it—so long as capital punishment is recognised.

Equal Rights—Equal Punishment.

People have urged that, inasmuch as women claim equal rights they must bear equal responsibility for their crimes. Some went so far as to assert that if a reprieve were to be granted to Mrs. Thompson it would never be possible again to hang a woman, and that it would be an anomaly even to hang another man.

LAST COUPLE TO BE HANGED.

15 YEARS SINCE WOMAN WAS EXECUTED.

The last woman to be hanged in Great Britain was in 1907, when Mrs. Rhoda Willis, baby farmer and murderess, convicted under the name of Mrs. Leslie James, was executed at Cardiff Gaol.

But it was as long ago as 1903 that the last couple paid the price of their crime, which, by a curious coincidence, resembled the Ilford murder in the main feature, John Gallagher and Emily Swann being found guilty of the murder of the woman's husband. Both went to the scaffold.

In the same year, also, a couple—Joseph Taylor and Mary Daly—were executed at Kilkenny for the murder of the woman's husband.

These were the last occasions when a wife and a man were implicated.

Of other cases, in 1903, Annie Walters and Amelia Sachs were condemned to death for the notorious baby-farming murders.

Among previous instances were:

1900.—Louise Masset, executed at Newgate for murdering her son.

1900.—Ada C. Williams, executed at Newgate for murdering a child.

1899.—Mary Ann Ansell, executed at St. Albans for murdering a sister.

1896.—Amelia Dyer, the baby farmer, executed at Newgate.

Husband and Wife Crimes.

This year there have been two instances on which a husband and wife have been convicted of murder. In each case the man was hanged and the woman reprieved.

The first one was at Glasgow last January, when William Harkness and his wife Helen were found guilty of the murder of Elizabeth Benjamin.

In the other case, last May, William Yeldham and his wife Elsie Florence were convicted of the murder of George Stanley Grimshaw in Epping Forest.

LIFE OF MELODRAMA

MRS. THOMPSON'S PART IN ILL-FATED INTRIGUE.

"A woman who lived in melodrama."

This was the description of Mrs. Thompson by her counsel, Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, K.C., when he made his fighting and dramatic speech for her at the conclusion of the Old Bailey trial.

References were also made frequently to her as a woman of a remarkable personality, who lived in the atmosphere of novels, and placed herself in the position of the characters.

Changing Emotions.

People who witnessed the trial will retain vivid memories of her rapidly changing emotions, sometimes, convulsed with sobs, in a state of collapse, and at others the woman of calm, facing from the witness-box her accusers with composure, to be changed again when, her ordeal over, she had to be assisted back into the dock.

But famous as her name has become in the annals of crime, her life lacked anything remarkable until the time when her intrigue against her husband led to the present tragic consequences.

Expert Needlewoman.

Mrs. Thompson, one of a family of four, was born at Manor Park, N., in 1894, was educated at a local school, and upon leaving showed such efficiency as a needlewoman and designer that she took up millinery.

In a few years she had become manageress of a firm in Aldersgate-street, where her skill brought her good wages, which at the time of the crime were £6 a week, plus bonuses.

She was twenty-two years old when she married Mr. Percy Thompson, a shipping clerk employed in the City, but continued to follow her employment.

For a long time the two seemed to live on the happiest terms, and then the seeds of tragedy were sown.

FREDERICK BYWATERS.

Mrs. Thompson had known Bywaters since childhood. He offered her the love of a boy, and brought her flowers. As he grew towards manhood he never ceased his associations, and in 1920 spent a holiday with Mrs. Thompson and her husband.

This was the commencement of the ill-fated intrigue. Meetings followed, some with the knowledge of the husband, some secretly, and when Bywaters was away from England on his ship love letters were exchanged.

He returned to England towards the end of last year; there were more meetings between the two; and finally came the climax, when, at midnight, the husband was met as he was coming home with his wife and stabbed to death.

166 MARKS A PENNY

PARIS DEADLOCK CAUSES NEW SLUMP.

FRANC WORTH LESS.

SIXTY-SEVEN FOR A POUND NOTE.

As might be expected, the international situation is having a weakening effect upon the principal foreign rates.

Many of these have moved sharply to-day against their respective countries.

The mark is over 40,000 to the £, having slumped to-day by 3,000 marks—7,000 marks since Monday.

The rate is now approaching the previous record of 42,000. About a year ago marks could be bought at 700 to the £.

The French rate, or the Paris cheque, as the City prefers to describe it, has gone to 67.10, which, however, is still below the extreme of 72.65, touched in 1922.

Brussels is 72.10, as against last year's record of 80 to the £.

TRAGEDY IN TWO TELEGRAMS.

ONE SURVIVOR OF LOST TRAWLER.

A tragedy at sea to-day is told in two Lloyd's telegrams:—

I.

Following telegram received from Hamburg: Captain of British steamer Antonia reports sinking sailing trawler Splendour, L.T. 142, off North Hinder.

II.—Later.

One man, Harold Simpson, only survivor. Remainder of crew, four men, one boy, lost.

STRIKE QUICKLY ENDS.

As a protest against the dismissal of a motor driver, a lightning strike occurred, to-day, amongst a section of workers employed by the Royal Arsenal Co-operative Society, Woolwich, in the delivery of bread and general goods.

Negotiations took place between the parties, and on the advice of their organisers the men returned to work, the matter being submitted to the Joint Committee of Trade Unionists and Co-operators.

RENT STRIKE ALARMS.

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tenants have announced to the rent collector that they will withhold the rent until they have recovered £19 each.

A Warning.

"The House of Lords is responsible, of course," said Mr. E. M. Godring, the secretary of the Property Owners' Protection Association to the "Pall Mall" to-day. "It was their decision on November 3 that no rent could be raised unless a notice to quit were served with it.

"The danger was foreshadowed even then, and we immediately advised our 6,000—and more—members to be sure and serve the notice.

"Very many of them did, but some thought we were pulling up a bogey. But I don't suppose they think so now. Events have proved to be but what we then stated to be possible.

Landlord's Plight.

"A big property owner was speaking to me on the subject this morning. He has a whole street of houses whose tenants are already £10 and £12 in arrears. And they intend to keep on being in arrears.

"Moreover, even if legislation came about in a few weeks' time, how is he, and owners in his position, to recover these arrears?

Thousands of Pounds.

"Within the last few weeks I have heard from thirty or forty people who are in trouble," added Mr. Godring.

"The delay of the Government in dealing with the matter will spell ruination for a lot of them. We have members with enormous interests who did not give notice to quit, and they will be affected to the extent of thousands of pounds.

"The average increase on a £1 a week house would be about £11 a year, so that for three years the total involved would be £33 per house."

Owners to Meet.

A meeting of the Property Owners' Protection Association will be held at Cannon-street Hotel on January 25, when a special resolution will be considered calling upon the Government to take immediate steps to proclaim a moratorium or some other efficient measure.

FRANCE GOES HER OWN WAY.

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clared their policy. Mr. Bonar Law's speeches at the Conference to the British Press representatives have left no room for doubt; neither in France nor in this country has any charge of ambiguity been preferred against the Prime Minister.

Britain's Policy.

While the French decision is deplored in Downing-street, it is not admitted that it involves any immediate peril to the Entente.

"The British Government must await developments, anxiously, perhaps, but sympathetically, and always with due regard to British interests and the promotion of world peace."

Beyond this a well-known diplomat consulted to-day would not go.

Lord Derby is still in the South of France, and at the War Office no information as to his movements had been received, which suggested an early return. The Marquis Curzon is at Lausanne, and Mr. Stanley Baldwin is in Washington, so that Mr. Bonar Law is at the moment without the assistance of the leading members of the Government.

TROOPS READY.

WHEN ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.

PARIS, Friday.

The Mayence correspondent of the "Journal" says that the progress of the Paris conference was naturally followed with the keenest interest in the Rhine provinces and in military circles. The usual precautions taken in the event of a crisis were adopted.

As soon as the news of the rupture was received, General Headquarters gave orders for the troops to hold themselves in readiness for all eventualities.

All men on leave have been recalled

After January 15.

The view held in Belgian and Italian Conference circles is that no action will be taken by France regarding the Ruhr before January 15, when the Reparations Commission meet, and, if Germany fails to pay the 500,000,000 gold marks due on that day, France will declare the German default.

The impression gathered is that any action France may take, following the declaration of default, will have active Belgian, and, at least moral, Italian support.—Reuter.

FINAL HANDSHAKE.

M. POINCARE SEES OFF MR. BONAR LAW.

PARIS, Friday.

M. Poincaré saw Mr. Bonar Law and the British delegation off at the Gare du Nord at noon. The French Premier and Mr. Bonar Law had a twenty minutes very cordial conversation, and shook hands at the conclusion.

There was a large crowd, but no manifestation.

Many people shouted "Vive Poincaré!" as he left the station.—Exchange.

NEW ERA OPENS.

FRENCH CLAIM FULL LIBERTY.

PARIS, Friday.

The "Journal" says:—

The proposals which Germany may make now will have to be particularly practical to stop the action that the Government is going to take in a spirit of prudence and firmness.

> The second fortnight of the month should not begin without decisive events being accomplished. . . . It would be incorrect to think that Franco-British relations will become simply what they were in 1914. The past cannot be restored, only an ineffaceable memory of it can be retained
>
> In truth, a new era has begun in the relations of the two countries. No one more than ourselves desires that this era should be favourable for the two countries, and that it will enable them to proceed together as much as possible in agreement

Crisis Not Limited.

> But nothing would be more fatal than to imagine that the crisis may be confined within a strictly limited theatre, that everything will continue on the other scenes of the world as if nothing had happened, for example, that France should continue to accept the naval obligations of the Washington Agreements, that France should continue to follow in the wake of England at Lausanne, that she should continue to allow Lord Curzon to take all initiatives without even warning our delegation.

Without Boasting.

> No. Liberty of action is a policy which cannot be divided into compartments. One is free everywhere or nowhere. Now that the hour of French policy has struck we say that frankly without boasting and without fear as becomes those who have true moderation and true wisdom.

—Reuter.

GERMAN ANGER.

POINCARE CALLED A CRIMINAL.

BERLIN, Friday.

No surprise is expressed in the German Press at the news of the breaking off of the Paris Conference.

The newspapers are agreed that it was France's annexation policy that caused the failure of the Conference.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" writes:—

> The French Cabinet rejected the British proposals because they appeared to give Germany an opportunity of gradual liberation from slavery, and in order to pave the way for the French annexation policy.

The "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," in an article headed "Are You Asleep, Brutus?" says:—

> M. Poincaré's plan is the plan of a determined and clear-headed criminal who is conscious of standing outside civilisation, which he therefore persecutes with a blind hatred.

—Reuter.

SELF-DEFEATING.

AMERICAN VIEW OF FRANCE'S POLICY.

An Exchange telegram quotes the "New York World" as saying:—

> The French Government has committed itself to measures which, in the opinion of practically the whole neutral world, are dangerous, provocative, and self-defeating.
>
> Germany has not failed to note the successes of the Irish, the Kemalist Turks, and the Fascisti.

COAL WEAPON.

PARIS LETS CAT OUT OF THE BAG.

An Exchange telegram from Paris, discussing the new situation, says:—

> In French circles it is believed that when results are obtained for the French plan Great Britain will perhaps acknowledge its advantages, and it is thought to be not impossible that later on England will rejoin France because by reason of her control over the German coal output of the Ruhr France will find herself in a position to have a very strong influence on the price of coal in the world's market.

BACK TO PRE-WAR.

"ENTENTE CORDIALE"—WITH LIBERTY.

PARIS, Friday.

At the close of the Conference yesterday a high authority said to the "Matin": We are returning to the Entente Cordiale of before the war—that is to say, with liberty for both sides. We emerge from four years of domestication to reshape the policy of France.

The "Gaulois" says:—

> Our position in regard to England, paradoxical as it may appear, has the advantage of being more clear than ever it was. With Mr. Lloyd George it was "disagreement in agreement," with Mr. Bonar Law it is "agreement in disagreement."

—Reuter.

PRINCE OF WALES.

ANOTHER FALSE STATEMENT OF "ENGAGEMENT."

The Press Association states that there is no foundation for the announcement published to-day that the engagement of the Prince of Wales to a young Scottish lady of noble birth will be made within the next two or three months.

The "Pall Mall Gazette," this week, was authoritatively informed that there was no truth in the statement published that the Prince was to marry an Italian Princess.

LATEST WILLS.

Probate of the wills of the following have been granted:—

Mr. William Henry Renshaw, of Woodbury, Broughton Park, Salford, who died October 19, leaving £104,196.

Mrs. Julia Mary Catherine Wallis Wright, of Keythorp, Tutley, Leicestershire, who died September 14, leaving £62,623.

Mr. Joseph Tootell, of North Promenade, St. Annes-on-Sea, who died November 23, leaving £62,364.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to accept a copy of Mr. Hugh Gladstone's "Record Bags and Shooting Records," published by H. F. and G. Witherby.

AMERICA AS MEDIATOR.

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BERLIN STORY OF INTENDED MOVE.

WHITE HOUSE ACTIVITY.

NEW YORK CRITICISMS OF FRANCE.

Washington shares with Paris the eager attention of the world.

Will America intervene in the European crisis, and in what way?

According to the Central News Berlin correspondent, in accordance with a request made by the British on Wednesday the United States Government intend calling an international conference in Washington next week to consider the Reparations deadlock.

Telegrams from Washington do not confirm this statement, but great activity is reported at White House and Mr. Harvey is a leading figure.

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BUSY MR. HARVEY.

TALKS WITH MR. HARDING AND MR. HUGHES.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

Mr. Harvey (United States Ambassador in London) was the central figure in the conferences in the course of which the European crisis was studied in Government circles yesterday.

The first Conference was held at White House, and was attended by Mr. Harding, Mr. Lodge, and Mr. Frelinghuysen, formerly Senator for New Jersey, who is a close personal friend of Mr. Harding.

Later in the day Mr. Harvey went to the State Department and was closeted with Mr. Hughes. The European situation was gone over in detail, but neither this conference nor the other one was followed by any announcement.—Reuter.

Mr. Hughes' Offer.

The only authorised comment on the situation, says Reuter, is a statement by the State Department that Mr. Hughes' suggestion was put forward, to leave several doors open to the Premiers in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Hughes has already indicated that American financiers would serve on any International Finance Board to study the German situation, if France and other interested Powers extend an invitation to her, and it is believed here that time still remains for examining the possibilities of the American suggestion before France can carry out the programme which M. Poincaré outlined and Mr. Bonar Law rejected.—Reuter.

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"THIS FREEDOM."

FRANCE'S TERRIBLE RESPONSIBILITY.

NEW YORK, Friday.

Commenting on the collapse of the Paris Conference, the "World" states that the fundamental cause of separation was the question as to whether German industry should be destroyed in the name of reparations or restored in the interest of European trade.

> The British (it continues) have gone home leaving France to carry out her declared policy. A terrible responsibility rests on the French Government. It is committed to measures which, in the opinion of practically the whole of the neutral world, are dangerous, provocative, and self-defeating.
>
> France is free to act. She is free to learn by experience. May it not be so costly an experience as most neutrals fear.

Mr. Hughes Justified.

The "Times" says:—

> What Mr. Hughes foresaw has now come to pass. He indicated an alternative to all the plans that have hitherto been put forward by Europe. This plan was framed precisely to meet the present situation. Is the Administration going to seize the opportunity to urge that it be applied?

The "Tribune" thinks that it would be a good thing to permit France to try her hand at coercion, as it will be easier afterwards, if she is mistaken, to come round to Britain's way of thinking.—Reuter.

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BANKER'S COMMENT.

INFLUENCE ON TALK IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

Mr. Baldwin declined to comment upon the Paris collapse. However,

MANSIONS RAIDED.

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ARMED MEN SET LADY'S HOUSE ON FIRE.

SERVANTS LOCKED UP

Armed men raided Belle Vue, the beautiful Wexford residence of Lady (Talbot) Power, and, with the aid of petrol, set it on fire.

The flames died out of their own accord and little damage was done.

Ramsfort House, Gorey, the seat of Lady Errington, was also raided by armed men, who locked two servants in a room and compelled the gardener to show them over the place.

Later it was discovered that some money and a watch had been stolen.

Both owners were absent in England at the time.

National troops have captured fourteen prisoners in Sligo.

£75,000 STOLEN BONDS

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RETURNED TO ASSESSORS BY POST.

It is announced that £75,300 worth of bonds, stolen in transit from the Banque Belge, Antwerp, to the Anglo-South American Bank, Old Broad-street, City, last October, have been returned to the assessors.

The bonds were sent to Messrs. John W. Bell and Company, of Queen Victoria-street, E.C., in two packages.

One was an ordinary envelope, bearing the Leyton postmark, and contained bonds worth £2,000, while the other, a parcel, posted and registered at Borough High-street, enclosed bonds to the value of £73,300.

Dividend Warrants.

In the larger package were also found some sixty-one other dividend warrants and scrip. The assessors, who hold these latter, do not know to whom they belong.

The robbery took place on October 11 last, when a mailbag was stolen. English insurance companies stood to pay out £40,000.

The police came to the conclusion that the theft took place somewhere between the landing-stage at the Parkeston Quay and the arrival at Liverpool-street Station.

INSOMNIA TRAGEDIES.

SUICIDE WHILE SISTER WAS GONE FOR ASSISTANCE.

Two tragedies of sleeplessness were investigated by the Westminster coroner to-day.

In the case of Eliza Ford, fifty-seven, wife of a coachman, of Alderney-street, Pimlico, James Johnson, a son-in-law, said on Wednesday afternoon he heard deceased put six pennies in the gas meter, and at 7.35 the following morning he noticed a strong smell of gas coming from her bedroom.

He found Mrs. Ford lying dead with her head in the oven of the cooking stove, over which she had placed a rug.

The second inquest was upon Frances Sarah Pavey, forty-eight, single, a tailoress, of Winchester-street, Pimlico, whose sister stated that early in the morning deceased tried to choke herself with the ribbon of her jumper and afterwards ran round the bed striking herself on the head with an alarm clock.

Witness went downstairs to get assistance, and upon her return found that her sister had thrown herself from the window to the ground, a distance of 37ft.

The coroner in each case recorded a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind."

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Mr. Norman declared: "The breakdown must naturally affect the discussions here, because America as well as Britain are deeply interested in the economic recovery of Europe, and the breakdown will most certainly influence this recovery."—Exchange.

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE.

A COMMENT FROM REMOTEST SPAIN.

Mr. Lloyd George yesterday sent the following cable from Algeciras to the editor of the "Daily Chronicle":—

> "I have read with gladness Secretary Hughes's important speech suggesting the appointment of a Commission of financial experts on reparations.
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> "As far as I can judge from compressed report appearing in the local paper of this remote corner of Spain his suggestions and mine travel in same direction.
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> "Earnestly hope Paris Conference will give American proposals priority of consideration.
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> "All other expedients will but postpone mischief which will in the end have to be redeemed with compound interest at usurious rates by an embarrassed Europe."

PUZZLE LETTERS IN BRIGHTON CASE.

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"HUMOROUS IF IT WERE NOT TRAGIC."

WHO IS OWNER?

BUNDLE OF 8,403 FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

At Brighton to-day Frederick Chas. Partridge, forty-three, clerk; William Henry Clark, fifty-five, commission agent; and Crissie Evans, thirty-three, married woman, were remanded until Wednesday next on a charge of being suspected of stealing 8,403 letters from an office in Ship-street, Brighton.

The Chief Constable said he had been in communication with the Postmaster-General, and was now awaiting his reply.

Names of Sportsmen.

Mr. Graham Hooper, solicitor, appearing for Mrs. Evans, offered strong opposition to the adjournment. The woman's husband, he said, was a journalist, and by reason of his profession was the owner of a list of the names and addresses of gentlemen well known in the sporting world. The list was about eight years old.

Mr. Evans was asked by a gentleman whom he knew casually if he would have any objection to lending him the list, and he agreed to do so on condition that he had all returned letters.

It was obvious that if he had all the returned dead letters he would strike out all those in the list who were dead or who had removed, and would thus have an opportunity of bringing the list up to date.

It was necessary to give an address to which dead letters could be returned, and the address given was that of a gentleman well known in the sporting world in Brighton.

Wife's Arrest.

Mr. Evans's business took him to town every day, and that was the reason he asked his wife to call at Ship-street for the letters. It was while doing so that she was arrested. They were all the same circular, returned through the dead letter office.

The case would be humorous except for the tragic fact that his client had to go to the cells and be put into the dock, as a result of which her health had broken down. He asked that the case against her should be dismissed, a similar plea being put forward for the other defendants.

Lottery Suggestion.

Mr. Grinstead, for Partridge, said the latter only acted on instructions received from his employer in going to the post office and arranging for the letters to be delivered. He added that there had been a suggestion that the letters were connected with a lottery, but there was not an atom of evidence to support this.

Mr. Carpenter, for Clark, said his client merely had the use of the room in Ship-street.

Police Contention.

Detective Inspector Taylor stated that if the adjournment were granted the police would be prepared next week either to proceed with the prosecution or to withdraw it.

The police contention was that the letters were the property of the Postmaster-General.

The Bench granted bail.

"YOUR MONEY WE WANT."

MAGISTRATE'S PLAIN WORDS TO WORRIED MOTORIST

When a man was summoned at Old-street police-court, to-day, for not having a red rear light on his motor-car, he pleaded that he left the vehicle in what was practically a cul de sac adjoining his house, that there was a brilliant light from the windows, and that there was never much traffic in the neighbourhood on Sunday night, when the offence occurred.

Mr. Wilberforce (smiling): We will not kill you for this.

The defendant said that he had been driving for some years, and it was the conviction that he did not want.

Mr. Wilberforce: It is your money we want. Pay five shillings costs—that will not be a conviction.

BIG PICTURE PURCHASE.

NEW YORK, Friday.

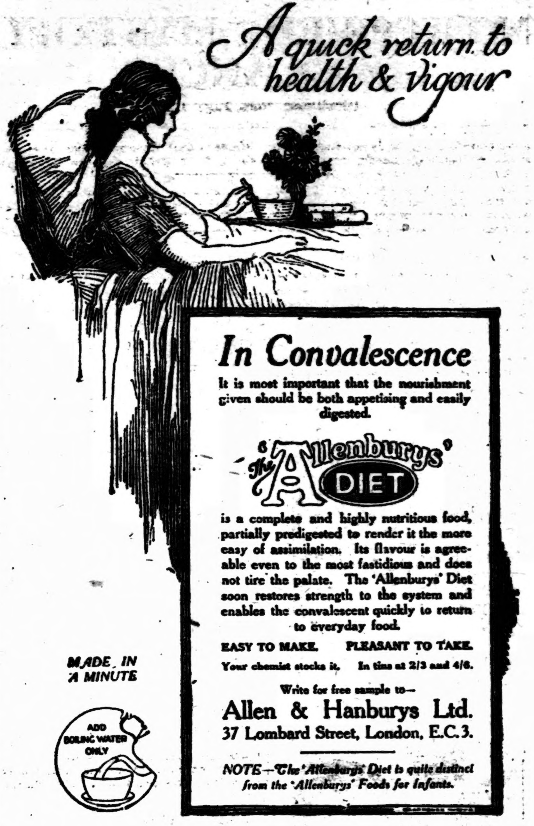
Duveens, the well-known art dealers, are reported to have purchased fifteen paintings by Italian primitives from the William Salomon Collection.

The purchase price is stated to be a million dollars.—Central News.

EX-SULTAN FOR MECCA.

MALTA, Friday.

H.M.S. Ajax, with the ex-Sultan of Turkey, who is proceeding to Mecca, on board, left here to-day. It is believed that the ex-Sultan will be transferred to H.M.S. Clematis on reaching the Suez Canal.—Reuter.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The Theatre

EACH of the school holidays of the year has its peculiar attraction. In the summer it is going away to the Seaside, in the winter it is Christmas festivities and indoor amusements. The theatres recognise this and many arrange their programmes accordingly. Children delight in play or pantomime. Parents revel in the children's delight and if the entertainment be a good one the grown-ups get double value. As for the Journey. The tramways in the South of London serve Victoria and the Embankment from almost every district. The subway cars from Highgate serve Holborn, Aldwych and the Embankment and connect en route with many other services North of the Thames. There are few theatres, music halls and cinemas that do not lie within easy reach of London's Tramway system. Late services are provided and the journey home presents no anxiety if it be made by tramcar.

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THE LOST LAKE.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—As there appears no chance of the lake in St. James's Park being reconstituted as such, it might not be amiss to suggest that very excellent tennis courts might be constructed on the bed of the lake. The luxuriant grass now growing on various portions would form an excellent nucleus.

ENTHUSIAST.

COST THE RATES £586.

Hugh Campbell McKinley, a well-dressed man, obviously of superior education, described as a machinery agent, of St. Agnes's-place, Kennington, who, at Lambeth, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for leaving his children chargeable to the Lambeth Board of Guardians, was said to have cost the ratepayers £586 to maintain his family.

THE MUSSOLINI PLOT.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS OF ITALIAN COMMUNISTS.

PARIS, Thursday.

A Rome telegram states that arrests resulting from the discovery of the Communist plot against Mussolini continue.

Several suspected Communists, including Maccazzi, leader of the party, have been arrested at Fermo, where a secret society was formed with the motto "Let's do it."

Other Communists also suspected have been arrested at Ancona.—Exchange.

The Duke of Somerset will preside at the annual festival of Dr. Barnardo's Homes at the Albert Hall on Saturday afternoon, January 20. The choir will consist of 1,000 youthful voices, and over 1,200 children will perform in the arena.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY OF CANCER.

X-RAY VICTIMS TO DISEASE PROVIDE A CLUE TO EXPERTS.

ALARMIST THEORIES.

By Our Own Correspondent.

Once again is the subject of cancer to the fore. Baffling and malignant as the disease is, it affords the sensationalists the opportunities of their lives to frighten and terrify the gullible.

Or if they are not terrifying, they go to the other extreme, and hold out promises of certain cures, deluding thereby thousands of sufferers whose ill-luck is serious enough in itself not to invite further damage by fairy tales.

What is the real position? Dr. J. A. Murray, the President of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, defines it. He is an expert on the disease, and has spent upwards of twenty years endeavouring to solve the riddles encompassing it.

How Disease Arises.

"To start with its causes," said Dr. Murray. "We have progressed far enough with our reseaches to be able to say that some forms of cancer arise from a state which is produced by an irritation.

"This irritation, again, may be one of several kinds. It may be caused by tar, or by X-rays, while we have strong suspicions, also, of constipation.

"But we can't' yet do very much more than suspect the last. It is, of course, internal, which makes it more difficult to ascertain to what degree of seriousness constipation must have arrived to cause cancer.

Tests Smash Theories.

"It seems to have been suggested that eating cancerous flesh by human beings will give rise to the disease. This has never been known to be the case.

"Theories as to its actual causes can easily be made, but the real task is to put these to the test, and get them to stand the test. They don't.

"What stand tests are facts, and these are that many men working in tar distilleries develop the disease, and that nearly all the original workers on X-ray died of it.

Early Symptoms.

"Another victim is the engine-driver, who may get the irritation necessary for its growth by standing, as he has to, in front of the furnace. Cancer, in his case, develops, of course, on the skin which gets the heat.

"As to the symptom of the disease, it is a small lump or wart, which, at the comencement is painless. This accounts for the difficulty we have of getting people who are afflicted to be operated on at once.

"Once the wart becomes painful, the disease has spread in strawberry fashion, and it is then too late to operate. A most important characteristic of cancer is that it is progressive. Warts should be cut off by operation immediately they appear.

Narrowing the Issues.

"Cancer is more frequently met with in women than in men, and although the number suffering from it is large, it does not come up to the record of tuberculosis or heart disease. The only form of cancer on the increase seems to be that of the breast and intestines.

"Our researches are carried on with animals in which we produce the form of cancer which afflicts man. The whole problem is naturally a big one, but we are narrowing down the issues."

LEAGUE'S AGENDA.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL.

The Council of the League of Nations will probably meet in Geneva on January 25 (says Reuter).

Lord Balfour is expected to be the principal British delegate.

There is a long and important agenda list to be disposed of, the chief amongst the questions for discussion being the financial reconstruction of Austria.

The following is the main outline of the agenda:—

Minorities.
Saar Questions.
Dantzig questions.
Financial reconstruction of Austria.
Questions between Lithuania and Poland.
Report of Opium Committee.
Commission on deported women and children.
Committee on intellectual co-operation.
Reduction of armaments.
Report of Commission of Inquiry on the question of famine in Russia.
Article 10 of the Covenant.
Financial questions.
Commission of Inquiry in Albania.
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Reports of Dr. Nansen on Russian refugees and action in the Near East regarding refugees arising out of the Assembly's recommendations.
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MURDER OF MRS. DRAYCOTT.

CONDEMNED MAN'S APPEAL DISMISSED.

PARIS, Thursday.

The Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation this afternoon disallowed the appeal of Nicholas Vlachos, the Greek who was condemned to death on October 30, 1922, by the Seine Assize Court, for the murder of Mrs. Draycott, his employer, at Boulogne-sur-Seine.

It will be recalled that the condemned man was Mrs. Draycott's chauffeur, and, profiting by the absence of her husband, attacked and killed Mrs. Draycott on the night of December 30, 1921.—Reuter.

JAMAICA INVITES LORD BURNHAM

KINGSTON (JAMAICA), Thursday.

The Jamaica Imperial Association, representing planters, merchants, and professional men of the island, have invited Viscount Burnham to pay a visit to the West Indies, and he is expected to arrive here on February 2.

The Association is arranging for Lord Burnham to make a tour of the island, and special public receptions and conferences will be held.—Reuter.

TO-NIGHT'S BROADCASTING PROGRAMME.

The British broacasting programme for to-night is as follows:—

5 to 5.45.— Children's Stories; Miss Helen de Frey, Children's Songs.

6.30 to 7.—Orchestra.—March, "Vito" (Lope); Overture, "A May Day" (Haydn Wood); Valse, "Nights of Gladness" (Ancliffe).

7.—News.

7.30 to 8.25.—Orchestra.—Selection "Tales of Hoffman" (Offenbach); Entr'acte, "Lazy Dance" (Ring); Petite Suite de Concert (Coleridge-Taylor); Mr. David Openshaw (baritone).—"Trade Winds" (Frederick Keel); "Up from Somerset" (Sanderson). Orchestra.—Valse and March from "Ballet Russe" (Luigini). Mr. Emil Clare (entertainer).

8.25 to 8.50.—Orchestra (dance music).—Foxtrot, "Dapper Dan"; One Step, "Wimmin"; Valse, "Another Valse"; Foxtrot, "All by myself"; Foxtrot, "My Sweet Hortense."

8.55 to 9.15.—Miss Ivy Marchant (contralto).—"My Heart is like a dreary night" (Lassen); "To the Evening Star" (Raff). Mr. Alfred Hearne (elocutionist).—Mr. David Openshaw.—"Sea Fever" (Ireland); "Royster Doyster" (Matheson).

9.15 to 9.30.—Captain C. A. Lewis.—"The Discoveries in Egypt."

9.30.—News.

9.50 to 10.30.—Orchestra.—Selection, "The Arcadians" (Monckton)). Miss Ivy Marchant.—"The Willow Song" (Sullivan). Orchestra.—Serenade (Drigo). Mr. Emil Clare (entertainer). Orchestra.—"The Phantom Brigade" (Myddleton). At the piano, Mr. L. Stanton Jeffries.

Newcastle Broadcasting Station (400 metres).—6.30 to 8.—Children's Stories, News, Concert.

NEW NOVELS.

"The Tree of the Garden." By Edward Booth. (London: Duckworth.) 7s. 6d. net.

"The Tree of the Garden" is a novel with an interesting story very well told by Mr. Booth. A widow is horrified to discover that her late husband led a double life, and so she takes great care of her only son, and desires him not to mix with other boys, lest he should be contaminated and coarsened. She brings him up entirely at home, until his health becomes affected, and she has to let him go into the country. He goes to a farm which belongs to her, and there meets a girl by the curious name of Thursday. Thursday's mother was an unfortunate, and all prophesy that Thursday will become the same.

Years later Guy, the son, returns to the country to find Thursday a beautiful young woman, and he desires to marry her. He returns home, and breaks his arm accidentally; the letters he writes by proxy fall into his mother's hands, and she desires her solicitor and friend to go and see Thursday. He, of course, lies about Guy, and seduces the girl, starting her on a downward career. Guy becomes engaged to the solicitor's sister, and all goes smoothly until Guy again meets Thursday, who is now on the streets.

The story is very interesting. The end might have been more complete, as we are left a little uncertain what Guy is going to do about Thursday, because marriage with her is out of the question. The over-fond mother is well drawn, as is the delicate, weak, and undecided son. The ever-scheming friend with a daughter whose sole object is to get the said daughter married to a rich youth is an interesting character, while most interesting of all is poor Thursday.

"The Tree of the Garden" should be read by all, for it helps to broaden one's outlook on the more unfortunate of humanity, as well as illustrating the folly of the more fortunate

"Variety." By Sarah Grand. (Heinemann.) 7s. 6d.

A capital title for a series of short stories, written, one gathers, at long intervals and dealing with many themes. Perhaps the modern reader will find the stories that are concerned with the occult most interesting; some of the others are written with a subtlety that the sledge-hammer methods of the average magazine contributor has deprived us of the power to appreciate.

Much water has flowed under many bridges since Sarah Grand shocked and horrified the late Victorians with "The Heavenly Twins," and her judgments are kinder, her ability to be fair to the "stronger" sex less doubtful. She mingles mercy with justice, especially in "The Turning of the Worm," from which these extracts are taken:—

"We mourn the lot of women whose sad fate it is to be sacrificed by selfish men; women who have never had a chance to follow any single important bent of nature; women who, for their individuality, are made to suffer a martyrdom in the cruel grip of those who care only to have them moulded to their own uses, valuing their tender affection chiefly because it makes them plastic; and we think a fate is peculiar to women—but occasionally a man is made to suffer so; occasionally a man is so caught by women and constrained."

"The power of quiet endurance is more apparent in women than in men, although, like every other attribute, it is common to both sexes. The distinguishing difference lies, not in the possession, but in the way men and women exercise these common attributes—a long-suffering woman makes no pretence at cheerfulness as a rule; the man, when he makes up his mind to endure, does it pleasantly."

"The Poor Man." By Stella Benson. (London: Macmillan and Co.) 6s.

It is difficult to give any convincing reason for confessing to interest in "The Poor Man"—an interest, none the less, which the reader who is at all alert to literary quality will be certain to share. The people in it are a particularly disagreeable crew of Californians who think themselves intellectual, and it is only a just punishment for their repulsive qualities that the society should be thrust upon them of such an Englishman as Edward R. Williams. Williams is a wretched neurotic, whose time seems to be consumed in drink, day dreams, and self-pity. Even the lady who is running him as a sort of social curiosity assumes a "tolerant yet exasperated look" when he gets drunk upon her hands once more.

We are not certain that it was really worth while describing such a creature with his eternal imagining of dramatic situations for himself and his hopeless futility in every actual relationship. But there is a haunting quality about his degeneracy, and it sketches of second-rate American life. "In the United States you become used to hearing only women. Men speak guiltily in small suffocated voices." Mss Benson's pages are full of strange descriptive effects—bizarre notes that are halfway between pathos and humour, and most oddly convincing in their conviction of fidelity to life. Altogether a strange, irritating, but unforgettable book.

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MOVIE WORLD SENSATION.

SEQUEL TO "DOPE" INVESTIGATION.

DOCTOR ARRESTED.

CHARGED WITH SUPPLY OF DRUGS TO PATIENTS.

NEW YORK, Friday.

A Los Angeles message states that the police authorities at Hollywood, the movie colony, have arrested a doctor on charges of selling drugs to sanatorium patients, whom he was supposedly curing.

The records of the institution, which have been seized, disclose the names of several film stars.

Trade Investigation.

The "Herald's" correspondent states that some months ago a group of men occupying responsible positions in the motion picture world, under promise of co-operation by men in control of motion picture production at Hollywood, began a painstaking investigation of the private lives and habits of members of the film colony whose names are prominently linked with the film industry.

List of "Unsafe."

As a result of the inquiry they prepared a list of "unsafe" persons, chiefly actors or directors, then in motion pictures.

The list contained 117 names, and it was to be directed to the attention of heads of production with the recommendation that the persons named thereon should be denied further employment at the studios.

A Refusal to Help.

The committee thereupon approached the head of production of one of the large movie picture concerns in the hope of receiving his cooperation, but he declined, saying if he did what he was asked to do it would mean a loss of at least two million dollars.

The committee were obliged, therefore, to suspend inquiries, and the police began to take matters in hand themselves.

Further important developments are expected.—Central News.

ARBUCKLE FILMS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

The Committee on Public Relations, which was selected by Mr. Will Hays, the head of the moving picture industry, from the leading religious and civic organisations in order to aid him in elevating the industry, has passed a resolution urging Mr. Hays to advise producers against permitting the showing of films in which Roscoe Arbuckle appears.

The committee is of opinion that Arbuckle should be given a chance to make good in some other branch of industry, but not upon the screen.

Mr. Hays has announced that he will hand the resolution to the producers, but did not state whether or not it had his approval.—Reuter.

DEPUTATION TOO LATE

UNEMPLOYED "OLIVER TWISTS" AND PATIENT GUARDIANS.

Bermondsey unemployed have appointed a deputation to wait on the Bermondsey Board of Guardians today to demand that the outdoor scale of relief should be increased, so that a man with a wife and six children should receive £3 5s. a week, and that more relief should be given to single men and women.

The Guardians have decided to send single men to Hollesley Bay colony to work. The deputation did not arrive at the appointed time, and after waiting over half an hour for them, the Guardians closed their meeting, and went home.

Ten minutes later the deputation arrived, accompanied by a large procession of unemployed.

BROKEN GAS PENDANT.

Mrs. Hughes, a widow, aged about seventy-seven, residing in almshouses at Ramsgate, was found dead this morning in her room, which was full of coalgas. A pendant was broken.

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FOOTBALL BETTING COUPONS.

"READY-MONEY" ACT FINE OF £20.

Mr. Cancellor, the Marylebone magistrate, gave his decision to-day in what was described as an important and novel case under the Ready Money Football Betting Act.

Archibald Scouller, turf commision agent, of Avenue House, St. John's Wood, was summoned for circulating coupons of a ready-money football betting business, and with aiding and abetting two men, Smith and Hazeldine, to loiter for the purpose of betting.

Mr. H. Muskett, prosecuting, said that Smith and Hazeldine were arrested on a charge of street betting.

Commission.

Smith had in his possession eighteen football betting coupons and Hazeldine ten, all of which bore Scouller's name and address.

When Scouller was seen by Inspector Sanders he said: "'Of course I give them a shilling or two, about 2s. in the £. I give the coupons out to them and they return them to me. If there is anything to come I see them later."

Aiding and Abetting.

Mr. Cancellor asked if it was within the scope of the Act for a man to employ or encourage others to collect ready-money bets, whereas he did not in fact receive the money or its equivalent until forty-eight hours later.

Mr. H. Myers, defending, replied that if there was evidence that Scouller knew or authorised the men to take the ready money he would certainly be aiding and abetting. He submitted, however, that there was no evidence.

Mr. Cancellor said the view he formed was that the defendant, knowing the men Smith and Hazeldine, and that they were receiving little tiny bets from men, knew perfectly well that the coupons he had circulated would be used, and were used for ready-money betting.

On the summons for circulating the coupons he fined the defendant £20, with £5 costs. The other summonses were not dealt with.

ESCAPED IN TAXI.

ANGRY SHAREHOLDERS & LOAN CLUB OFFICIALS.

"This is a case in which the auditors were utterly credulous and utterly incompetent," said Mr. Fox Davis Carr, at Tower Bridge Cout, when prosecuting Alfred Ernest Beresford, of Crofton Park-road Brockley, on charges of embezzlement and fraudulent conversion of £120 16s. 11½d., moneys belonging to members of the Pride of Bermonsey Co-operative Mutual Society.

In November last, said Mr. Davies, prisoner told the officials of the society that there was a deficiency and he and his wife had to be got away in a taxicab on account of the hostile attitude of the members, who were expecting a share out.

There was, in fact, a share out, but members only received some 9s. in the £ instead of the full amount.

William Stone, of Rotherhithe, and Edward Green, of Rotherhithe New-road, now deposed to having been auditors of the society, and admitted that they had never had any experience as accountants. On one occasion they audited the books without even having been both present at the same time.

Prisoners were commited for trial, bail being allowed.

THE SCHOOLBOY EXPLAINS

WHY LOCHINVAR SWAM THE RIVER.

Mr. Frank Jones, in the course of a lecture at the Connaught Rooms today gave a few examples of schoolboy howlersB that had come under his notice.

A boy in his class was asked to explain "Some pious drops the parting eye requires," from Gray's "Elegy," and said that pennies should be placed on a dead man's eyelids.

"Then sentinel stars set their watch in the sky" was said to mean "sentries putting their watches right by the stars."

The best, said Mr. Jones, came from a boy who was asked to explain "brake" on the quotation from "Young Lochinvar"—"He stayed not for brake, and he stayed not for stone"—and wrote, "a brake is a public conveyance."

Another boy in the class put up his hand and said, "He stayed not for motor-car, either, sir," and quoted, "He swam the Esk River where ford there was none."

SICK LIST.

Lord Kinnaird is about the same to-day.

Sir Arthur Lever, M.P., had a good night, and his condition showed considerable improvement this morning.

Mr. Albert Chevalier had a good night, and is going on well to-day.

SHOTS AT CZECH STATESMAN.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE MINISTER OF FINANCE.

SERIOUS WOUNDS.

FIRED AT GETTING INTO A MOTOR-CAR.

PRAGUE, Friday.

An attempt was made this morning to assassinate M. Rasin, the Czecho-Slovakian Minister of Finance.

Two revolver shots were fired at him as he was entering his motor-car to drive to the Ministry.

Political Hatred.

The Minister was seriously wounded and has been taken to hospital. His assailant is a young man employed by an insurance company.

He says that his crime was actuated by political hatred.—Reuter.

"YOU'D BE SURPRISED."

COMING REVUE AT COVENT GARDEN OPERA HOUSE.

Sir Oswald Stoll will take control of Covent Garden Opera House shortly, and will open, on January 24, with a revue, "You'd be Surprised," by William K. Wells.

Mr. George Robey is playing the principal part in this show, and will have plenty of opportunity for amusing the audience with some very good new songs.

Mme. Lydia Lopokova, the famous Russian dancer, will appear as a Squaw, and give a Red Indian dance.

M. Leonide Massine, Mlle. Lydia Sokolova, and M. Leon Woizikovsky are other famous dancers in the cast.

Mr. Harry Welch, character sketch artist, and Mr. Jack Edwards, the comic dancer, will have much to do.

Life in America.

Miss Alam Adair is a new "star" from America, and Messrs. Handers and Millis are already famous in America.

Miss Margaret Sousa, a niece of the famous musician, is a charming comédienne who, the management believe, will create quite a sensation.

The famous Savoy Havana Band is one of the principal attractions of the show.

The revue itself will be a series of rapid short sketches of life in all parts of America, from Central Park to Arizona.

ONLY ONE REMEDY.

HOW TO RID WORLD OF THE MENTALLY DEFECTIVE.

"There is only one remedy, and that is the ruthless sterilisation of the mentally defective, so that they might not be able to hand on those defects."

Professor E. W. McBride made this assertion in a lecture on "Educational Psychology and Eugenics," delivered to-day at the Educational Association's Conference.

Any hope of curing the defectiveness of a defective child by environmental measures was a delusion

Popular social reformers asserted that bad housing, insufficient food, and, in some cases, venereal disease, caused mental defect.

"All these things," said the lecturer, "were investigated by Goddard, and the conclusion he arrived at is that none of these causes will account for mental defect.

"The denunciation of our social system as the cause of mental defect is unscientific."

HUNTING FATALITY.

PONY ALARMED BY HORNS THROWS GIRL RIDER.

PARIS, Friday.

Miss Hope Harjes, daughter of Mr. H. H. Harjes, the American banker, has been killed in a hunting accident at Dreux. She was riding a polo pony, which became frightened by the hunting horns and the dogs.

She was thrown and her head struck the stump of a tree. She died in Dreux Hospital a few hours later.—Reuter.

WEEK-END WEATHER.

The predictions of the weather experts for the first week-end of the New Year offer ground for both hope and discouragement.

Slightly colder weather, they say, may be expected, with a westerly to north-westerly wind.

Showers of rain or hail are also forceseen, interspersed, perhaps, with considerable bright intervals.

Mr. W. B. Haworth, M.A., is to give his annual lecture for young people at the Junior Philatelic Society's meeting at Caxton Hall to-morrow, at 3.

ELUSIVE ADELPHI THIEVES.

POLICE PUZZLED BY SERIES OF BURGLARIES.

The police are making inquiries with reference to a series of burglaries which have taken place during the part fortnight in the Adelphi district.

Last night premises in Buckingham-street were broken into and various offices ransacked.

Cash Untouched.

The thieves made a particularly thorough search of drawers and documents in the offices of the British American Publicity Association, and although they left the petty cash, which amounted to a few shillings, intact, they removed a picture by a well-known artist.

The method of entry still puzzles the police, but it is believed that possession had been gained of a key to the street door. The burglars succeeded in removing the glass panels of ten doors.

TEETOTALLER'S WILL.

MONEY TO AID TO "EXTINGUISH DRINK TRAFFIC."

Mr. Joseph Hood, of Kingsbury-road, Gravelly Hill, Birmingham, chairman of Hoods, Ltd., hardware factors of Birmingham, who began his business career in humble circumstances, selling oil from door to door, died worth £21,189.

In disposing of the residue of his estate, his will declares:—

> Whereas I believe the drink traffic to be one of the most subtle and effective forces in preventing the successful application of Christian principles to all human relationships, I therefore hope and trust that active steps will be taken to minimise and ultimately extinguish this enemy of my country's welfare.

He proceeds to declare his wish that his general beneficiaries "shall hold the whole of my residuary estate with the income thereof in spreading Christian principles, and in aiding all active steps to minimise and extinguish the drink traffic."

SHOPLIFTER'S EXCUSE.

"I AM NOT WICKED, BUT WEAK AND SILLY."

"I was filled with remorse; I am not wicked, and did not do it intentionally; I'm so weak and silly, I try not to do these things," were the excuses made by Sheila Melville, widow, Stanhope-terrace, Regent's Park, charged at Marlborough-street to-day with stealing a woollen coat from Messrs. Bourne and Hollingsworth, Oxford-street, W., yesterday.

She was further charged, on her own confession, with the theft on the previous day at Messrs. Liberty and Co.'s, Regent-street, W., of a silver-mounted bead purse and a piece of Oriental trimming.

Mr. Hill (defending solicitor) stated that prisoner's age was fifty-three, and explained that she was in very delicate health.

Mr. Mead discharged her under the Probation of Offenders' Act on the first charge, and fined her £5 for the theft at Messrs. Liberty's.

SHELL ZONE PERILS.

FARMER'S EYES BLOWN OUT NEAR CAMBRAI.

PARIS, Friday.

Accidents continue to occur as a result of the fact that throughout the regions over which the tide of war passed the ground still covers unexploded shells and grenades.

At Vaucelles-les-Crevecouer, near Cambrai, a farmer, M. Gustave Boulanger, was sowing winter wheat when his machine struck a shell buried in the ground. His eyes were blown out and his right arm blown off.

When the unfortunate man was found he was taken to Cambrai Hospital, but it is not expected that he will recover.

A German mine drifting off Villefranche has been sunk by a mine-sweeper, which was sent from Toulon.—Reuter

£245,000 FOR MOTOR LICENCES.

Amongst the cheques which the London General Omnibus Company have to write out annually, probably the largest is the cheque for £245,823 which was drawn on January 1 for the renewal of licences on London's motor-'buses for 1923.

When it is remembered that some £14,000,000 is contributed by motor owners throughout the country towards the upkeep of the roads, the contribution made by the London General Omnibus Company of nearly a quarter of a million is a very considerable one

LENIN'S LATEST.

PARIS, Thursday.

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THE DREAD OF RAIN.

A Soothing Shelter.

By CALLISTHENES.

There are hideous places where a drop of rain is considered more precious than a ruby. Such districts make a fine setting for a film play, but they cannot be recommended as permanent habitations. The majority of reasonable human beings, who live in reasonable parts of the world, dread the threat of a rainy day. Rain, however, must come sometimes, or farmers and Water-Board experts would become unbearable.

Personally, I hate the very thought of rain, and no amount of goloshing and mackintoshing will make me regard it as anything else but the most detestable of all necessary evils. In London, moreover, this "rain devil" affects such a particularly sombre and aggravating form that my sympathy is entirely with those of sufficient leisure who take to their beds to stay there until the pestilence has passed.

In summer or in winter it is equally intolerable. Surely there are no more abjectly depressing minutes in life than those too frequently spent at Lord's or the Oval watching the raindrops, relentless and mocking, drip-dripping off the canvas, the ground of play deserted but for six miserable, clammy looking stumps and two sordid heaps of sawdust, with nothing to relieve one's almost profane feelings but a fiendish delight in the discomfort of others.

Consider, too, the horror of a winter rain in London; cold, dank, smelly, and so dreary that the austere authorities are driven to light the street lamps. The very thought of it is enough to give you pneumonia, and the glaring poster that derisively invites you to "spend your winter in the South of France" is positively encouraging you to break it into a thousand pieces under the eye of the biggest policeman that London can produce.

It is on such occasions, when the world seems to be a place hardly worth living in, that the real value of great public institutions is demonstrated. I declare that to emerge from the despair of the London streets, mud splashed and broken in spirit, to the cheer, comfort, and warmth of Selfridge's is a pleasure about as soothing as the sudden and unexpected end of toothache. You can see those same people who, five minutes before, were walking the streets with a look on their face suggesting something almost akin to murder or suicide, now beaming benevolence on the whole wide world in general.

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IN OFF THE DEEP END.

FRANCE TAKES THE PLUNGE.

That France has rejected the advice of Great Britain and that the Boulevard Press has exhibited a vindictive attitude towards its country's most sincere friend, are matters of secondary importance. What counts at this moment is that a great nation has set itself upon a course destined to inevitable failure in its own aims and calculated to shake the fragile edifice of what counts in these days as European stability. France has decided to buy her own experience, but unfortunately the world at large will share the price with her. The decision of yesterday is described by Mr. BONAR LAW as "likely to have a grave and even disastrous effect." There is no considerable section of opinion in this country which does not agree with him.

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We proposed to the French Government a policy which involved equal security with its own and far greater hope of recompense. We accompanied it with an offer to wipe out a French debt to ourselves ten times as large as that sum of gold upon which a venomous attack is directed against us in Paris. In rejecting our plan, France is, we fear, ruining all prospect of solid Reparation either for herself or for others.

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She is embarking on a costly military occupation which will further upset her Budget and weaken the already depreciated franc. It will not yield her any money worth talking about. Her chance of getting commodities depends on the readiness of the German industrial districts to work under foreign supervision. The probability is that such economical and social confidence as still exists in Germany will rapidly disappear, and that the Power which has levied distraint will provoke a chaos beyond its power to regulate.

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France has, in a lawyer-like spirit, demanded the letter of her bond, and she will have no more success than usually attends a lawyer's excursion into the region of productive business. She has determined to realise her security instead of nursing it—flying in the face of the whole world's economic opinion, and putting herself under the direction of what, we fear, cannot be called other than an ill-informed self-will.

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If any sign should arise of these gloomy forecasts being falsified, it would bring genuine relief, for the disappointment that awaits France must be accompanied by grave injury and unsettlement to the whole of Europe. Germany cannot collapse without the most serious effect upon all nations that either adjoin her territory or have links with her economic life. And when France makes a mistake and discovers it, the sequel is apt to be one of increasing recklessness. For the present we can only wait in apprehension for the results of this week's decision. France has gone in off the deep end. It remains to be seen where and in what condition she will regain the surface.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

The Premier's Return:—Foreign Office Silence:—Irish Railway Crisis:—Tino's Two Millions:—Truth About Prince Andrew:—Tests and Sport.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1923.

The Premier's Return.

Mr. Bonar Law is to arrive in London from Paris this evening. There will be a meeting of Ministers at the earliest possible moment, possibly to-morrow, when the Prime Minister will discuss with his colleagues the situation created by the failure of the Premier's Conference.

Marquis Curzon, the Earl of Derby, and Mr. Stanley Baldwin are three leading members of the Cabinet who are not available, but there are others who are out of London.

Foreign Office Silence.

When the news that the Conference had broken down, though not unexpected, reached the Foreign Office, the extreme gravity of the situation was admitted, but no expression of opinion was forthcoming as to what might ensue.

"Mr. Bonar Law," one high official remarked, "has made the British position abundantly clear, and we must await his return before anything can be added."

Tino's Two Millions.

Ex-King Constantine is, I hear, in a very different financial position from that which afflicted him during his exile in Switzerland. To-day he is a rich man. On his return to Greece in 1920 he received, through the instrumentality of the late M. Gounaris, a sum which totalled £2,000,000.

The drachma was valuable in those days, and Tino changed his money quickly. He is, therefore, worth a couple of million sterling at the present time.

Truth About Prince Andrew.

The Greek Prince, Andrew, was, I am able to state with authority never in the slightest danger of being executed. General Plastiras was himself well aware of certain difficulties with which the Prince had to contend during the Asia Minor campaign.

Prince Andrew was not blameless, but he was not steeped in guilt. Therefore, his life was never in danger, and those people who imagined that they saved him deserve commendation for their good intentions only. The Greeks regard Prince Andrew as the less objectionable of Tino's brothers.

Sir John Stavridi's Diary.

One of the most interesting political diaries of the time must certainly be that of Sir John Stavridi, who has, I learn, kept a careful record of his intimate relationship with Mr. Lloyd George during the latter's premiership.

Sir John Stavridi, who was Consul-General for Greece in Great Britain, carried through, as the friend of M. Venizelos and Mr. Lloyd George, some very important negotiations between the two countries. He is, of course, a well-known City solicitor.

Tests and Sport.

I suppose the winning of the second South African Test match will cheer the hearts of our armchair Ashes-collectors.

I am glad, of course, that Mr. Mann's team have won, even though missed chances gave them the victory.

But, win or lose, so long as our players play the game, are guilty of no sharp practice, and do not turn sport into a science, what does it matter?

What matters and is vital is that there are so many of our people devoted to outdoor sports. Cups and ashes and records are worthless when compared with the "game for the game's sake." That alone is "cricket."

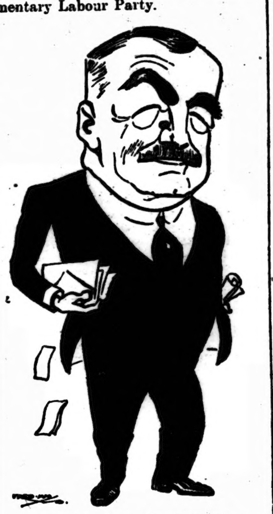
Irish Railway Crisis.

There would seem to be every reason for the great anxiety which exists among shareholders in this country of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company of Ireland. By far the largest portion of the stock is trustee investments, and any failure to pay dividends or interest would involve the most serious hardships.

In view of the Free State decision to pay no dividends or interest if the railway is taken over by the State, the company has decided to carry-on for the time being, but the outlook is gloomy in the extreme.

Mr. Arthur Henderson.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, who is making a big effort to hold Newcastle South for Labour against Captain Gee, V.C., and Major Barnes, is a sort of heavy father to the Parliamentary Labour Party.



MR. ARTHUR HENDERSON.

He was President of the Board of Education, Paymaster-General, and Labour Adviser, successively, in the first Coalition Government, but was not a conspicuous success. In 1917 he went on a Government mission to Russia.

Professions and Advertisement.

The professions of Law and Medicine have always sternly set their faces against self-advertisement by their members, and have looked with a cold eye upon any public communication that could be turned to private advantage.

It is well, of course, that the etiquette of these professions should be strict.

I think, however, that the medical profession goes beyond the mark when it makes a signed communication to the Press on a matter of public importance, even though its subject be of a medical nature, an offence against the rules.

Rules and Exceptions.

I notice that the Bar Council has been considering a recent case in which a reporter elaborated an informal conversation with an eminent counsel into a set interview.

As a result of this inquiry the Council has passed a strong resolution, which runs:—

"That it is contrary to the etiquette of the Bar for a practising barrister to give an interview to a representative of the Press on any matter in which he has been or is engaged as counsel."

To this resolution no exception can be taken, provided it is admitted that there can be no rule without an exception.

Duties of Citizenships.

The fact that, be his profession what it may, every man is a citizen must not be lost sight of; and every rule of etiquette that does not involve honour may, and should, be ignored if the common weal demands it.

It may be to the public advantage that professional men should address the public direct, even upon cases in which they have been engaged.

The only logical way of preventing advertisement would be to suppress names altogether. Counsel should be nameless in law reports, and doctors should be forbidden to sign bulletins concerning the illnesses of distinguished people.

I commend this suggestion to the ultra-purist.

A Discovery.

I was interested to read a weekly paper which gave the list of prize winners at an agricultural show. The first and most important trophy was won by a Mr. McSporran.

Like many other people, I fancy, I was under the impression that McSporran was merely a word, such as McParritch

But the present instance is quite authentic.

Italian or English?

I am glad that Mme. Melba will sing in Italian when she assumes the part of Mimi, as I have never understood how you can turn a foreign opera into a national opera by singing it in bad English.

This is where our National Opera people have always slipped up, and I have very little doubt that they would do far better, at Covent Garden, at any rate, if they gave their operas in the language to which they were composed.

One misses nothing as a rule by not knowing precisely what the singer is saying, for most of the books are so unutterably silly that the less one knows the better.

As for the drama, what there is of it, if that cannot be conveyed by action and expression it will not be conveyed by the doggerel of a translation.

National Opera.

Of course, national opera is wanted, and the present company, to whom London is certainly indebted for giving us an opera at all, should set about getting it.

It is there, for those who seek to find, as witness "The Beggar's Opera," "Polly," and, in a transcendant form, "The Immortal Hour."

But when the composer of British grand opera is found, he will not be found giving his work for a single performance, inadequately rehearsed, but will demand as a right a chance of a run for his work and his money.

Dear Housing.

Weybridge Council is annoyed by the action of the Ministry of Health, which has refused to sanction the erection of non-parlour houses at a price of £377.

I have no particular liking for the Ministry, but I certainly think it is justified; £'77 is much too high a price to pay for that class of house, and the Ministry is right in saying that lower tenders should be invited.

We owe it to the refusal of the Ministry to sanction any longer the frantic finance of the original housing schemes that houses can be built today at less than half the price charged a year ago.

Low tenders will come all right if high tenders are refused.

Taxi Fares.

There is to be no revision of taxi-cab fares at present. The suggestion that the initial charge for the hiring of a taxi-cab in London should be a shilling for the first mile has been turned down on the ground that the charges for accessories are still excessively high and that the burdens on the small owner are very heavy. The whole matter will again come up for consideration shortly.

Progress in the Air.

Passengers on the airways arriving at or departing from Croydon Aerodrome during 1922 numbered 12,828 These passengers were mainly carried by the six companies regularly operating from that port, although a very few of them were transported by occasional machines belonging to other firms.

During 1921, 10,731 passengers were carried, so that the above total shows an increase of 2,097 passengers carried last year over the 1921 total.

British machines carried 9,781 passengers during the year, and made a total number of 2,716 trips. This gives an average of 3.6 passengers per machine flight, which cannot be considered a paying average. The British total, however, is nearly double that of 1921, when only 5,256 passengers were carried in British aircraft.

The French air lines are in a worse state, having carried 2,397 passengers in 1,477 flights, giving an average of 1.6 passenger per machine.

For the last three months of 1922 the average is considerably higher than in any other months of the year.

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WOMEN'S SECRET SWAY OVER "WISE" MEN.

HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE RULES (AND FOOLS) THE WORLD.

FEMININE COERCION.

The Gilbertian situation created by the recent application of the mediæval law on the wife's coercion by the husband must have made the angels smile, for every woman knows that the chief forces of her intelligence are secretly trained in the subtle art of supplanting masculine judgments.

There is hardly any sphere of man's activities, even those he has anciently regarded as his special preserve, that his wife hesitates to invade; she has an amazing faculty of entwining herself, unobserved, into the ramifications of his interest.

No Match for Her.

The man himself seldom realises how perfectly he plays the marionette, for woman has at her instant command a veritable arsenal of skilful devices for modifying or subverting his decisions, his grandest resolutions being ruthlessly torpedoed if they conflict with her desires.

It is entirely safe to assert, on the unwitting evidence of women themselves, that an extraordinary proportion of their mental activities is consecrated to the scientific substitution of the feminine for the masculine will. In almost every home the wife will raise the sable standard of supreme authority, involving, secretly or brazenly, the virtual obliteration of that of the man.

Weak Men—"Strong" Women.

She is successful in strict proportion to the man's weakness of character and his ignorance of human nature, the false power of feminine dominance thriving apace in the presence of recessive, enervated masculine elements.

It is a safe rule, where one sees the "strong" woman, to look for the man.

Unhappy Moments.

Marriages are failures chiefly because men abdicate their authority. A startling illustration of this is afforded by the débâcle of American home life, for who can regard the divorce figures of the United States, a country "run by women for women," without being struck by the deadly analogy between the proportion of devastated homes and the prevalent subversion of masculine authority?

Domestic anarchy becomes rampant in the absence of a firm and just controlling hand. The home is a microcosm of the State, and when a nation decays the source of infection is traceable to the hearths and homes of its people.

"Slithery" Logic.

It is necessary to point to the destructive results of feminine dominance in foreign countries because of the special difficulties of presenting a convincing analysis of the "slithery" structure representing the normal female systems of offensive and defensive logic.

American women themselves, visiting this country, testify to the superior "moral" of the British man (which strikes her instinctively by contrast) towards the stealthy malady of subservience to femine secret rule. "Englishmen are harder to understand. Somehow you feel they are the masters."

The first sentence, as far as it is true, is of deep significance, and it is a high compliment.

Eve's Legacy.

The potent, psychic forces which woman wields, unseen, under the very eyes of men, have been evolved out of the dim depths of time, and passed on to her intact by her primal mothers through countless generations.

She possesses what is tantamount to a sixth sense, practically unsuspected by men, which she employs with merciless efficiency in her dealings with the opposite sex.

She jealously guards from man's consciousness this nether world of secret power, which is as phantasmic in its operation as it is concrete in results.

Personality Paradox.

But the paradoxical point is this. Woman revels in her clandestine art of demolishing the man's personality and enthroning her own in its stead. Yet she vividly perceives that the most despicable figure imaginable is presented by the man whose will is thus so easily annihilated by the trickery of her specialised mental craft.

Despite herself, she would respect infinitely more a manhood impervious to her hypnotic powers.

The absorbing interest with which women followed the Ilford murder trial was accentuated by the example of overpowering mastery of the man's mind and actions achieved by the woman prisoner. Although the results were tragic, to women's minds there was nothing abnormal, however, in the spectacle of a man so utterly at a woman's mercy.

Hand Behind Thrones.

The taint is no respecter of rank, operating as potently in the palaces of Royalty as in the homes of the peasantry

The judgments of Charles I. were distorted in every way by the cross-currents of his wife's interventions. Hume tells us that the King was "commonly moderate in his temper"; but he gave way to the precipitate advice and fatal importunity of the Queen and the ladies of the Court.

Woman's rule over mankind is, like the Nile, beneficent within bounds, but when overflowing its banks spreading destruction and ruin far and wide.

This is demonstrated by current events, and it is certain that unless man renders himself cognisant of these forces it is absurd to suppose that he has effective personal control of his actions. He is merely the woman's agent.

Man, Know Thy Wife!

This insidious usurpation is as malignant as the deadly nightshade in its effect upon the highest expression, and especially the reciprocal permanence, of married love.

"Man, know thyself!" is a worthy exhortation, the value of which will be intensified if it be modified to urge, "Man, know thy wife!"

GEMS IN SAILOR'S COFFIN.

STORY OF THE RUSSIAN CROWN JEWELS.

£1,000,000 WORTH.

WASHINGTON, Friday.

The Treasury Department are investigating a rumour that Russian Crown jewels, valued at four million dollars, were smuggled into the States in a coffin containing a sailor, who was afterwards buried at Cypress Hills, Long Island.

It is expected that the grave will be opened.—Central News.

SUICIDE'S PATHETIC LETTER.

At an inquest held at Doncaster, to-day, on Mathew Ward, a miner, found hanging, a verdict of "Suicide whilst of unsound mind" was returned.

Deceased left the following pathetic message:—

> My eyes are bad. I cannot see to do my work. Forgive me for what I am about to do. I will not be a burden to my father. Please look after Matt and Joe.

STREET DUEL SEQUEL

DEATH OF VICTIM OF AN INTERCEPTED BULLET.

MEXICO CITY, Thursday.

Mr. George Steabben, who was mortally wounded on Wednesday evening, died yesterday, and the funeral is to take place this morning.

Mr. King, the British Consul-General, has opened an investigation, and there is a possibility that he may ask for the detention of General Villa and Colonel Lazcana, who were fighting a duel in the street, which resulted in Mr. Steabben's death through coming into the line of fire.—Reuter.

It will be recalled that it was in Mexico City that, on New Year's Eve, during a celebration by revellers, a bullet was fired which killed Mr. W. H. G. Ewart, the author of "The Way of Revelation."

WHITE STAR LINE IN RUSSIA

The Russian trade delegation in London announces that the British White Star Line has approached the Soviet Government with a proposal to establish steamship services both within the Republic and between the Republic and foreign countries.

ARSENIC IN COCOA

SUMMONS AGAINST NESTLE COMPANY WITHDRAWN.

NO DANGER.

5,250 CUPS TO GET A FATAL DOSE.

The summons against the Nestlé and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company, of Eastcheap, for

> selling cocoa which was not of the nature, substance, and quality demanded, it being adulterated with arsenic oxide to the extent of one-fiftieth of a grain in a pound of cocoa.

was withdrawn at Guildford County Petty Sessions to-day.

Mr. R. O. B. Lane prosecuted on behalf of Surrey County Council, and Mr. Roland Oliver appeared for defendants.

Mr. Lane said the cocoa was sold at Witley on November 3.

The analyst certified that the cocoa in question contained arsenic to the extent of one-fiftieth of a grain per 1lb. packet.

It transpired on inquiry that the cocoa in question was manufactured by the Hayes Cocoa Company, Ltd., and was sold under a warranty.

The Batch Withdrawn.

The Hayes Company had caused most careful inquiries to be made, and found the arsenic was attributable to the carbonate of potash used to make the cocoa soluble.

All the cocoa in the batch had been withdrawn by the Nestlé Company.

In the circumstances, said Mr Lane, he would consent to the summons being withdrawn, and to this course the Bench consented.

Mr. Roland Oliver said the quantity of arsenic complained of was one-fiftieth of a grain per pound of cocoa.

One grain of arsenic was regarded as a fatal dose, so that a person would have to buy fifty 1lb. packets of cocoa, each containing 105 cups, and drink 5,250 cups, to obtain a fatal dose.

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LADY GOLFER INJURED.

SKI-ING MISHAP TO MISS JOCELYN ROGERS.

Whilst ski-ing at Wengen, Miss Jocelyn Rogers, the well-known Burnham (Somerset) golfer, has fractured a leg.

Miss Rogers and Miss D. R. Fowler recently won the Ladies' Open Foursomes at Ranelagh, and, with Mr. Douglas Fish, she reached the semi-final of the Worplesdon Mixed Foursomes.

ECHO OF A CRASH.

AERIAL FIGHTERS' BODIES UNEARTHED.

LILLE, Friday.

When repairing the railway station at Avion (Pas de Calais) some workmen unearthed the débris of an aeroplane and the remains of two men.

It is believed that one of the men was a Canadian and the other a Scotch officer.—Reuter.

SIR WILLIAM GOODE'S MISSION.

BUDAPEST, Thursday.

Sir William Goode, former President of the Austrian Section of the Reparation Commission, has arrived here on an unofficial visit to investigate, and, as a financial expert, to advise upon, the reparation problem. —Reuter.

ACCUSED BUTLER DISCHARGED.

At Sharnbrook Sessions, this morning, Henry Spiers, a butler in the service of Mr. Frederick Vogel, The Gables, Milton Ernest, was charged on remand with stealing a pearl necklace, value £2,000, the property of Mrs. Vogel, also with stealing whisky, valued at 25s.

No evidence for the prosecution being offered, Spiers was discharged.

SMALLPOX DYING OUT.

The number of cases of smallpox under treatment in London remains at four.

The last confirmed "suspect" was admitted to hospital on December 20 from Southwark.

TO-DAY'S TONIC TALK.

APPLES OF GOLD.

By Dr. FRANK CRANE.

"You have, my dear, a fatal fault. It is that of saying the wrong thing with deadly timeliness. There is but one sentiment you express well. Alas! It is anger."

That is an extract from a letter of a husband to his wife, read in a recent divorce suit.

Doubtless you know many a man against whom the same charge might be brought by his wife.

It would be a good thing if all married couples would take a few lessons in conjugal psychology, or perhaps simply in the art of maintaining happiness.

There are many who understand love, but do not know how to keep happy.

Dr. FRANK CRANE.

The habit of saying the wrong thing, or, quite as bad, of not saying the right thing; letting the golden moment pass without the jewelled word; blasting the critical instant, when confidence bloomed, when tenderest affection unfolded, when the expanding heart looked for the culminating response, by a bitter word, an icy indifference, or the poison of sarcasm! How much more such little things have to do with domestic tragedy than the big, serious offences!

To-day your wife, when she met you upon your return home, seemed more charming than usual. It was plain that she had been at pains with her personal appearance. Anybody else would have noticed that she had prepared especially to make a good impression. You fool! You never noticed. You let it go without a sign. You would not have done so before marriage. And you wondered what was the matter with her all the evening, and set it down to feminine crankiness. She was hurt. You stabbed her with your criminal blindness.

And you, madam, you have the husband you wanted. Why have you ceased to make him seek you? Why do you bank on his loyalty and yet never exert yourself to encourage it? Are you, too, a fool, afraid of love when to lose love would break you?

The thing that you ought to say is generally the flattering thing. And what you ought not to say is criticism.

Shall we lie, then? Not necessarily. There are usually two things to say upon any occasion. Select the pleasing one.

Even if you have to twist the truth a little—well, if the only time you twist it is to bring pleasure and to stir up love, you are to be congratulated.

"I would much rather have an enemy who makes me a delightful compliment of which he believes not a syllable," avowed a sincere woman, "than a friend who says disagreeable things to me under pretext of doing so for my own good."

There are grades in lies. All life is an illusion, say the wise men of the East. Certain it is that two people cannot endure the intimacy of married life without illusion.

Disarm the brutal commonplace! Spin rainbows in your days, and hang coloured lanterns in your nights, if you do not want ruthless Disgust to trample all your roses and desecrate your dreams!

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

DR. CRANE'S NEXT "TALK" WILL APPEAR TO-MORROW.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The deep depression over Iceland continues while a secondary trough of low pressure is crossing the British Isles. The wind will be strong from S.W.; a gale in places, veering to W. or N.W. in the West, while the weather will be cloudy to rainy and rather mild to-day with considerable bright intervals and a slightly lower temperature on Saturday.

Antwerp Dockers "Out."

Five thousand dockers have joined the Antwerp Harbour strike. The end of the dispute—which concerns rates of pay—is said (by Reuter) to be in sight.

A Coal Levy.

It was stated during the hearing of a case of coal stealing on a private railway at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, that 99 out of every 100 coal trucks reach their destination short in weight.

Christmas Thieves.

It was mentioned in a case at Old-street police-court that the Midland Railway Company had had goods worth £153 stolen from their delivery vans during the four weeks before Christmas.

Rubber Road.

An experimental stretch of roadway in Borough High-street, Southwark, has been covered with a new type of rubber block, the upper half-inch consisting of resilient rubber and the remainder of hard rubber.

£5,000 Catch of Fish.

After a three weeks' voyage, the Hull trawler Conan Doyle landed a catch of fish yesterday which realised over £5,000. The scarcity of fish, due to the stormy weather, had made the market quotations very high.

"Not Nice."

A proposal at Hythe Town Council that no bathing tents should be allowed to be set up in front of houses on the parade, as it was not nice for young women on the parade to see people leaving the tents to go into the water, was defeated.

Miller's Terrible Death.

John Brotherway, 72, a miller, of Whittlesey, near Peterborough, when taking off the belt on a shafting at his mill, yesterday, became entangled in the machinery, and, before the engine could be stopped, had both legs and one arm torn off. He died immediately

Man Who Saved Many Lives.

The death is announced at Arbroath, on the east coast of Scotland, of Mr. W. H. Smith, who for nearly a quarter of a century was coxswain of the Arbroath lifeboat and assisted in the saving of many lives. Mr. Smith received a medal from the ex-German Emperor prior to the war for gallantry in saving the crew of a German ship.

NEWCASTLE ELECTION DATE.

Nominations in the Newcastle (East) Parliamentary by-election will be received on January 9 and polling will take place on the 17th.

LEE DOON PAYS THE PENALTY.

CHINESE HANGED AT LEEDS.

Lee Doon, the Chinese convicted of the murder of Sing Lee, the laundry proprietor, by whom he was employed at Sheffield, was hanged at Armley Gaol, Leeds, this morning.

He met his fate with the impassivity which he displayed at the trial.

He accepted the ministrations of the Christian chaplain, and never had much hope of reprieve.

HARSH WORDS ON THE AXE

EDUCATIONIST'S FOREBODINGS OF STORMY FUTURE.

Harsh things were said of the recommendations of the Geddes Committee by Mr. W. A. Anderson, when, at the London Day Training College, Southampton-row, W.C., to-day, he relinquished the chairmanship of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools.

This year, he said, opened with the direst forebodings of a dark and stormy future for everyone interested in education.

The false prosperity of the years immediately following the war had gone, and economy had become the prevailing watchword.

The able transport managers who formed the personnel of the Geddes Committee, so far at least as education was concerned, had shown the Government how to falsify the National balance sheet.

No doubt this was not due to criminal intent, but to ignorance, nevertheless the results were disastrous.

DERAILED ENGINE.

EXPRESS TRAFFIC TO NORTH HELD UP.

The engine of a goods train on the London and N.-W. Railway, near Dudley Port, became derailed this morning, and express traffic between Birmingham and the North was for a time held up.

Passengers on trains from Wolverhampton had to walk to Dudley.

The medical officer of health for the city of Edinburgh, Dr. Maxwell Williamson, died this morning in Edinburgh.

FIRST OF WAGNER "RING."

"VALKYRIE" CONTRASTS AT COVENT GARDEN.

MIXED IMPRESSION.

POPULAR SINGER AT WIGMORE HALL.

Only two sections of Wagner's "Ring" are promised us by the British National Opera Company for this season.

Of these the first, "The Valkyrie," was given last night at Covent Garden, under Mr. Percy Pitt's direction.

It was a little unfair to couple the Siegmund of a seasoned Wagnerian like Walter Hyde with the Sieglinde of Beatrice Miranda, whose experience has been less concentrated, and who sings Wagner as she sings other and very different composers. The result was a mixture of style which impaired one's appreciation of the good singing of both

Florence Austral's beautiful voice was again well shown as Brunnhilde, though there were moments when one suspected that the cold weather had not been kind to her. Edna Thornton was a very effective Fricka.

Mixed Impression.

Another strange juxtaposition was that Hunding, in the person of Norman Allin, was vocally a nobler character than Wotan as represented by Robert Parker, whose irascible tone was not that of a noble indignation.

But, perhaps, after all we have revered the Teutonic Zeus more than he deserves.

On the whole, the impression one derived from these contrasts was a somewhat mixed one. There was much that was good, but was not placed to the best advantage.

Finally, not all the Valkyries were audible in the scene at the Rock, and not all of those who were so were musical. The ensemble was not a brilliant one.

E. E.

MISS PHYLLIS LETT.

EXCELLENT SINGING DESPITE LACK OF TONE COLOUR.

A popular favourite such as Miss Phyllis Lett was assured of a good audience even though she fixed her date slightly in advance of the regular concert season.

She offered a good programme, too (at the Wigmore Hall), though her group of Christmas songs, old and new, was not particularly well chosen.

But this has little to do with Miss Lett's singing, which was uniformly excellent—perhaps even a little too uniformly so, for she has not, during her experience, acquired much variety of tone-colour.

SONATA RECITAL.

GENUINE PIECE OF CHAMBER MUSIC OFFERED.

M. Michel Doré, a violinist from Moscow, who has settled in London, and Miss Betty Polischuk, gave, last night, the first of three sonata recitals for violin and piano at the Æolian Hall.

Of the Kreutzer Sonata their performance probably came near to realising Beethoven's intentions, for Miss Polischuk did not exert the full power of a modern instrument upon music written for one of less resonance.

The balance between the two was, therefore, approximately what it may have been at the period. Particularly helpful was her discreet manner of playing some of the more crowded passages.

M. Doré also employed corresponding discretion, with the result that instead of the epic declamation that has crept into the tradition, we were offered a genuine piece of chamber music.

CHAOS IN SPELLING.

PLEA FOR STANDARDISING FOREIGN PLACE NAMES.

Major-General Lord Edward Gleichen, Vice-President of the Royal Geographical Society, at a conference of the Geographical Association this morning, said at present the chaos in the spelling of foreign place names was indescribable. Every map-maker, every writer, every journalist, had his own ideas about spelling, and it had long been considered that some standard should be definitely laid down.

For instance, was it Kiau-Chau or Kyow-Chow; Bucarest, Bucharest, or Bukarest? The last word was very difficult, because the Roumanians themselves had six different ways of spelling the name of their capital.

He urged the necessity of standardising foreign place names.

To meet industrial demands for electricity the Wolverhampton Corporation has prepared a scheme to extend its electricity undertaking to some of the neighbouring areas.

SUPERCARS FOR THE TUBES.

ANOTHER SEARCH FOR MORE COMFORT.

SIX NEW DESIGNS.

The time is rapidly approaching when we shall travel to the City in cars as luxurious as Pullmans, and "straphanging" will be no more.

The Underground authorities are on the look-out for new and better rolling-stock.

The idea was explained to a "Pall Mall Gazette" representative this morning by an official at Electricity House:—

"With the construction of the new extensions," he said, "it was, of course, necessary that the question of new and improved rolling-stock should be considered.

The Best in Six.

"Accordingly, the Underground asked five of the leading engineering firms in Great Britain to submit a 'super carriage.'

"A sixth car was to be submitted by our own engineering department.

"The first two of these cars will be delivered this week; the whole idea is to make everything better from the passenger's point of view, better lighting, better heating, and more comfortable seats.

"When the six cars have been seen and tested, the improvements displayed in each will be grouped together, and out of this we hope to evolve the super-car, which will then be used on all the new railways.

"Naturally, the present rolling stock will not be "scrapped," but will be adapted to the new improvements.

"We shall get the new stock running as soon as possible—directly it has been found practicable."

CENTURY OF RESCUES.

GREAT RECORD OF LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION.

Last year was one of great activity for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The outstanding features were several splendid services by motor lifeboats and the great progress made in the construction of more of these powerful boats.

During the year the institution gave rewards for the rescue of no fewer than 436 lives, twenty-six more than in 1921, and an average of over eight lives rescued every week during the year.

In addition, the lifeboats of the institution saved, or helped to save, twenty-five boats and vessels from destruction.

The institution has now completed ninety-nine years of service, and its record is contained in five figures. From the day of its foundation up to the end of 1922 it has given rewards for the rescue of 58,800 lives.

"AS BAD AS SACK OF ROME."

Lecturing at the annual conference of Educational Associations on "Creative Thought," Professor Graham Wallas compared the state of the world to-day with the position 1,500 years ago, when, with the passing of old traditions, mankind drifted for a thousand years, and said that the breakdown of the Paris Conference, reported to-day, might prove as great a disaster to mankind as was the sack of Rome.

The question was whether we could create such thought as would deal with the new situation, or whether we would again drift for another thousand years.

SAUSAGE MACHINE B.A.'S.

Explaining at the Conference of Educational Associations the methods by which the new Modern Language Tripos at Cambridge could be taken, Mr. Edward Bullough said the policy underlying the Tripos was to prevent what had been occurring.

There was nothing more dismal than young people coming up to the University like lambs to the slaughter with the idea of being put into a machine and coming out a B.A. at the other end.

TYRANNY OF EXPERTS.

At the Incorporated Association of Headmasters Conference Mr. E. S. Smith, Newbury, referred to the temporary dropping of certain subjects in order to relieve the curriculum, and said the Board of Education had discovered that the timetable was overburdened.

They had of late suffered very much from the tyranny of experts and of those admirable associations which were so earnest and so zealous that they forced upon them absolutely impossible things.

MISS CONSTANCE COLLIER ILL.

Miss Constance Collier, the actress, is seriously ill in Switzerland. Dame Clara Butt, who is one of her oldest friends, has left London in response to an urgent telegram from Miss Collier's doctors.

BLOODSTAINED CLOTH CLUE.

SEQUEL TO INDIAN TRAIN TRAGEDY.

AN ARREST.

AUNT AND NEPHEW THE VICTIMS.

BAREILLY, Thursday.

Further details received regarding the Lakhsar train tragedy of December 21, when the dead bodies of Mrs. Boland and Mr. George Smith were found on the railway line with every indication that they had been murdered and thrown out of the train, established the fact that Mrs. Boland and Mr. Smith were aunt and nephew.

As the result of the discovery of a blood-stained cloth, the police have arrested a certain Indian, who appears to be mad or feigning madness, and who has a bruised hand. The motive for the crime cannot be ascertained, but it is believed that a trunk belonging to Mrs. Boland and Mr. Smith, containing wearing apparel, was stolen.

The police have offered a reward of 1,000 rupees for information leading to the detection of the author of the crime.—Reuter.

HER LOVER AND A RAZOR.

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL SENT FOR TRIAL

Rosina Brown, a girl of seventeen, living at Leverson-street, Stratham, at the South-Western court, to-day, was committed for trial charged with the attempted murder of Joseph Acres, a labourer, of Pevensey-road, Tooting.

The man said he had been on terms of close intimacy with the girl, who accosted him while returning home from work, and cut his throat with a razor.

Mrs. Brown, the mother, said her daughter returned home, saying, "I've cut Joe's throat." Witness ascertained that her daughter was expecting to become a mother, and she told her that they quarrelled because he wanted to throw the blame on someone else.

VILLAGE MURDER.

PROSECUTION ON MOTIVE FOR CRIME.

George Vincent Buckeridge was brought up at Kington police-court to-day charged with the murder of Winifred Buckeridge, his wife, and Wilhelmina Eliza Sainsbury, her foster mother, at Pembridge.

Mr. Gerald Paling, for the Public Prosecutor, said that at a later late he would be able to produce a well-established motive for the murder.

James Thomas Evans, landlord of the New Inn, said Buckeridge told him he did not want to divorce his wife, as he was very fond of her, and that if she would go back to him he would forgive her everything.

FIVE YEARS FOR BOY OF 17.

A seventeen-year-old youth, William Arnott, was sentenced to five years' penal servitude at Glasgow, to-day, for crimes which the judge said displayed an incredible amount of wickedness in one so young.

After embezzling £450 rent money in Edinburgh and spending it in London, the accused came to Glasgow, where he robbed dance halls and held up attendants with a revolver.

MEDAL FOR THE PRINCE.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel of the Welch Guards, has accepted the invitation of the Honourable Society of Cymmrodorion to attend their annual dinner at the Hotel Cecil, Strand, on January 19, and has consented to receive the Society's medal which is awarded to those who render "Distinguished Service to Wales."

SARAH BERNHARDT'S FILM.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has declared her intention of playing in a film as soon as she has recovered from her present illness, and a suitable play can be found for her to appear in.

The film will be produced by M. Diamant Berger, who has just completed a serial film version of "Twenty Years After," regarded as the chef-d'œuvre of French film production. It has been dedicated to the great Sarah.

There will be matinées of "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure" at the Savoy Theatre on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday next week.

AMATEUR CLUBS OF MARK.

XIX.—HISTORY OF WIMBLEDON.

While many of the amateur clubs have made great progress since the revival of the game in 1919, the Wimbledon Club have quite easily out-distanced all their rivals in their remarkable advance during the last three years.

When at the start of 1919 they joined the United League for a four months' temporary competition, Wimbledon's chief claim to fame was in the fact that Mr. Gill-Knight, one of their leading officials, had presented a cup for the winners of this interesting League. Chiefly through their connection with the United League, Wimbledon, in May, 1919, were, on the Athenian League being revived, elected to that competition, in which they finished seventh with 21 points for 22 matches, and a goal register of 44 against 43. In 1920-21 they were second to St. Albans City, with 31 points and a goal score of 41 against 22.

It was during this season that the real advance of the Surrey club really began, for they ran into the fourth round of the Amateur Cup competition proper, only to be defeated by Leytonstone by a doubtful penalty goal in the last minute of a stirring Cup-tie.

The fine sporting football the side played attracted the attention of the Isthmian League, and in May, 1921, the climax of Wimbledon's rapid advance was reached by their election to the premier Amateur League.

STORY OF ELECTION TO THE I.L.

The last couple of months of the 1920-21 season will always be remembered by amateur enthusiasts, for during this period a football tragedy that might have led to the Athenian League coming to an end was only averted with difficulty.

Wimbledon were the innocent cause of this. The fact that the club were to be elected to the Isthmian League leaked out. This was followed by a speech by one of the leading officials of the Athenian League, in which it was stated that if all the clubs did not remain loyal to the League the entire management of the Athenian competition would sever their connection with football.

Wimbledon then resigned their membership of the "A. L.," and, with good influences prevailing, all the splendid workers on behalf of the Athenian League continued to give their valuable services to the League, which, since Wimbledon's departure, in spite of the loss of such a club, has made the greatest progress in the history of the competition.

In leaving the "A. L.," Wimbledon took big risks, for they only secured election to the Isthmian League because it was decided at the general meeting to increase the number of clubs from 12 to 14.

If this proposal of the management had been turned down by the clubs in May, 1921, both Wycombe Wanderers and Wimbledon would probably have been outside the leading Amateur League to-day.

RECENT RECORDS.

Curiously enough, Wimbledon, although often playing finely, have never yet been able to do themselves justice in the Isthmian League.

Last season—their first in the competition—they finished last but one, with only 18 points from 26 matches, yet they scored 52 goals against 56. The new club, therefore, had to go cap in hand to seek re-election, which they had no difficulty in securing.

This season the club is again in the danger zone, having only 4 points to their credit this morning from 9 matches.

Apart from their lack of success, however, Wimbledon really accomplished a wonderful achievement in gaining election to the Isthmian League in 1921, for only a year previously Dulwich Hamlet had scored nine goals in a Cup Tie against the team that subsequently, by their fine sporting football, forced their way into the chief Amateur League.

MR. MEADOWS' GREAT WORK.

Mr. E. J. Anstee founded the Wimbledon Club in 1889 from the old scholars of the Wimbledon Central School, Wimbledon Common. He was one of the best players then, and is still one of the most enthusiastic of the club's workers. His record of 34 years' service with this one club is unique in the history of the game.

Mr. R. Canham has been associated with the organisation for 22 years, and the late Mr. J. Brown (killed in action in the war), Mr. H. Norris, Mr. F. Headicar, and Mr. Courtenay-Martyn have rendered Wimbledon great service, but it is chiefly due to Mr. S. J. Meadows, the present Hon. Secretary, that Wimbledon's present leading position in amateur football has been won.

Between 1889 and 1913 the Wimbledon Club moved very slowly along the path of progress. In 1913 the old club was passing through such troubled waters that it looked like sinking. It was when the danger was greatest that Mr. S. Meadows was persuaded to take charge, and with the help of the gentlemen mentioned above, and other willing workers, he safely navigated Wimbledon out of their "troubled waters" on to the path of progress.

The happenings of 1914 to 1918 applied the closure to Mr. Meadows' efforts, but at the end of 1918 he became busy again, revived the club, made the ground one of the best in London, and in three years brought it from comparative obscurity to its present position, an achievement that is easily a record in the matter of quick progress in the history of amateur football.

In his successful endeavours Mr. Meadows has been splendidly supported by Mr. F. Field, who has rendered rare service in helping to bring the club's doings before the sporting public.

CUP AND LEAGUE HONOURS.

It was in 1905 that Wimbledon won their first championship, namely, the Mid-Surrey League. In 1902-3, and 1921-2, the South London Charity Cup was won, and in 1920-21 the Bruges Cup was carried off, while in the same season Wimbledon earned the right of being joint holders of the Surrey Senior Cup with the late Metrogas Club.

Many fine players have assisted this popular organisation (whose Reserves won the "A" section of the Isthmian League last season with 33 points out of 24 matches and 62 goals against 29), including J. Macey, J. Munday, A. Taylor, A. Davies, W. Keeble, H. Gillham, J. MacEwen, and S. Marrable, but the present team, in which H. Jenner, T. Goodchild, W. Donald, the Brothers Rowe, G. Emslie, C. Slader, A. Collins, F. Smith, H. Mann, D. Bond, G. Armitage, and E. Goodens, are playing so well, is probably the best that has yet represented the Wimbledon club.

A POPULAR CAPTAIN.

In E. Goodens and G. Armitage, two of the best amateur half-backs playing, Wimbledon are lucky to possess two first-class leaders. The former is the captain, and Armitage the vice-captain.

Edgar Goodens joined Wimbledon in 1913, but on returning from the Army he went to Merton and helped that club to reach the A.F.A. Cup final.

In 1920 he returned to Wimbledon, and was quickly elected captain. He has played in many representative games. A sure tackler and careful placer of the ball to his forwards, Goodens is a very popular and judicious leader, and under his able guidance Wimbledon may be relied upon to make a rapid climb up the Isthmian League ladder during the second half of the season which has just began.

SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS.

COMMODORE DOWDING WINS A BRITISH TEST.

MUERREN, Friday.

The British ski championship meeting, held under the auspices of the Federal Council of British Ski Clubs, began here yesterday and will last four days.

Very favourable conditions prevailed, and a large number of spectators gathered in the morning to witness the first part of the Slalom race—a Norwegian term for an in and out race through a flag course.

The course was over hard snow, and the race was won by Commodore Dowding.

The second part, which was decided over soft snow, was made difficult by a heavy mist which came on about midday. The race was delayed for some time owing to Captain D'Egville, who was setting the course, coming over a bank into a stream.

Mr. Van Milligen (Cambridge) and several other competitors were disqualified for taking the wrong route, a very easy matter in this class of race.

The course was fast, and the turns coming at short intervals sometimes led the competitors into over-shooting the flags, necessitating their climbing back again.

Mr. G. H. Joannides proved successful in the second part of the race.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH CURLERS DO WELL.

Scottish curlers who are now touring Newfoundland showed a distinct improvement in their play yesterday at Halifax, says the Exchange, winning 5 out of the 13 rinks in a very keen competition. The total scores were; Nova Scotians 139, Scots, 128.

The winning Scottish players were the captains of Dumbartonshire, Renfrew, Lanarkshire, and Dumfriesshire.

After play there was an entertainment and banquet, the Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier, and the Presidents of the Universities all speaking, and emphasising the strong bond of Nova Scotia with Scotland.

Colonel A. J. Feeney responded for the curlers, who leave to-day for New Glasgow, where they play the East Counties in a two days' series.

BIG DEFEAT FOR SARAZEN.

Hagen and Kirkwood, yesterday, beat Sarazen and Hutchison by 8 up and 7 to play, in a golf match at San Francisco, says the Central News.

NEWMARKET GALLOPS.

EXERCISE WORK OF HORSES AT HEADQUARTERS.

(From Our Resident Correspondent.)

NEWMARKET, Friday.

ON THE RACECOURSE SIDE.

Madden's Happy Release went one and a quarter miles over hurdles.

T. Leader's Our Ben and Liscar went a mile and a quarter over hurdles. Atlantic Flight went two miles. Greensleeves and Sprig covered a mile and three-quarters.

Bennet's Lone Wolf, Word of Honour, Red Monk, Helmet, and Cryptical covered a mile and a quarter.

T. Leader's Perry Hill, Lord Ednam, Certoya, Beau Soleil, Morning Star, Streak of Light, Austin Friars, and Antimagic covered six furlongs.

ON THE BURY SIDE.

H. Leader's Goldstream, Perfect Sailor, and True Knight were sent two miles.

Beatty's Black Gown and Service Kit covered a mile and a half.

W. Jarvis sent Greek Vine a mile and a half.

Bright Prospect left for Hurst Park, and His Excellency for Haydock.

Selections for Hurst Park to-morrow:—

Novices' 'Chase: **BRIGHT PROSPECT.**
Wolsey Hurdle: **ARTEMESIA.**
Mitre 'Chase: **SQUARE DANCE.**
Richmond Hurdle: **CRUISER ARC.**
Norbiton 'Chase: **HENRY B.**
Mortlake Hurdle: **MYTHICAL.**

TRAINING STEEPLECHASE RIDERS

Several steeplechase trainers, among the number Messrs. Gore, Whitaker, and Hastings, have realised the need of giving their capable stable lads a chance of riding in public, but no suitable opportunity could be found, as, of course, owners prefer to have their horses ridden by the more experienced jockeys.

Many lads have grown restive, and, in fact, have given up their profession, because, though admittedly efficient in schooling and trials, there was no racing available.

Mr. Lorraine, of the Sandown Park executive, was made acquainted with the situation (writes a racing correspondent), and has arranged a race, the Experimental Steeplechase of 150 sovs, to be run on January 31. The prize was originally of 125 sovs, but only eleven entries were secured. It has now been reopened, and is for professional jockeys who have not ridden more than five winners.

Those who have not ridden more than one winner will be allowed 5lb. It is hoped that the reopening will secure some satisfactory patronage.

A WOMAN AND HER WAYS.

Reviewed by a Well-known Author.

No one expresses surprise if a very successful or famous man attracts women, be he a politician, a barrister, doctor, actor, or author. Even when a woman is attracted by a criminal or a man with a very "purple past," no amazement is felt, for the latter usually have a tremendous attraction for women; but it is when the extremely commonplace man, who is neither handsome, rich, nor famous, who, without any apparent effort, attracts women that the world begins to puzzle and inquire how it is done, and "what can women see in him?" The only solution is that he must possess magnetic qualities which appeal only to women, and which his fellow-men fail to discover.

The Strong Man Suffers.

There is another question, however, quite as interesting as that of "How do these men attract women?" and this is "How do some women attract men?" This is what Mr. Alfred Edye discusses in his book, "Woman's Ways and Wiles." He writes that it is very mysterious and sinister, especially as it is generally the strong men who submit to living under their wives' thumbs. Where she is the "better man" of the two, as one sometimes sees, it would not matter so much if she became the dominant partner. But a weedy, C3, inefficient, little man can often keep his wife in order even though she be strong and strapping enough to take him up and spank him. It is the strong men who suffer.

This applies to brains as well as physical strength. Men of great ability are often tyrannised over by stupid little fluffy wives. Genius can be quenched by an overbearing silly woman. It is the height of irony to see a man who cuts a great figure in the public eye making such a pitiable show at home.

The following are some more views on the subject expressed by Mr. Edye:—

Some women are always worrying about something. They can't help it. If they have not a real trouble on hand, they make one or imagine one.

Men like actresses not only because they are pretty and attractive, and know how to dress, but because they are amusing.

The husband who insists upon opening his wife's letters is as bad as a wife who, in his absence, pries into her husband's desk.

How to Keep Young.

There is only one way for a woman to keep and look young, and that is not to care about growing old. It is the spirit that matters.

As a rule, the more passionately devoted the lovers are, the more they are inclined to have disagreements.

Every woman appreciates little attentions, little acts of thoughtfulness. And she appreciates them most when there are others, especially other women, there to see.

Every woman is intensely watchful of the man she loves. She bothers about your personal appearance. She mothers you in a hundred different ways. She is concerned about your health. She can listen without boredom to your long and wearisome description of a round of golf or a rubber of bridge. She purrs over your petty successes and bucks you up over your failures.

Regarding the theory that to retain a man's love a woman must keep him on tenterhooks, Mr. Edye declares many men would be "put off" by the idea that a woman was deliberately "playing them up."

SOME LITTLE BITS.

A little bit of Patience often makes
the sunshine come,
And a little bit of Love makes a very
happy home,
A little bit of Hope makes a rainy day
look gay,
And a little bit of Charity makes glad
a weary way.

WOMEN OF TO-DAY

A COOK'S COUNSEL.

To Make Good Coffee.

There are many ways of making coffee, and most women have their pet theories on the subject, but there are two points which every woman should remember if she wants her coffee to be really good. Don't make the coffee with cold water and bring slowly to the boil, or it will have a "dead" taste. Make it with boiling water, and be sure you allow it to simmer sufficiently, or its flavour will be too sharp. Coffee should be made with freshly boiling water, and allowed to boil slowly for at least fifteen minutes over a low flame.

When Cooking Bacon.

If you place the bacon on a wire rack in the frying pan, the rashers will thus be kept above the drippings, and there will be less possibility of its burning in one spot and not cooking sufficiently in another.

To Decorate Any Meat Dish.

Liver rubbed through a sieve and mixed with the yolk of a hard-boiled egg, the chopped white, and parsley makes a pretty decoration for any meat dish covered with white sauce.

Left-over Egg.

If you have any beaten egg left over from your cooking, pour a little water on it, and it will keep for a few days without going dry.

Jam for Cooking.

If the jam is melted and half as much water added, and the whole thickened with a little arrowroot, it will go twice as far when used for puddings, tarts, etc.

VEILS AND THE EYES.

Some oculists declare that the wearing of spotted veils injures the eyes, but even on this subject doctors differ.

According to Dr. Frauenthal: "Veils are excellent additions to the attire of a comely, well-dressed woman. Especially in the big cities are veils of value as protection from the great clouds of germ-laden dust. They act as a sieve, and prevent much of this nauseating foreign and highly dangerous matter from entering the lungs I think women and children really should wear veils."

"But what do you think of them from an æsthetic point of view?" he was asked.

"I like them," was the reply. "I think a pretty veil is extremely becoming, although I do admit I like those that are close woven better than the others, and they are far more serviceable.

"Of course, the human face is beautiful—sometimes—but I can't see how a diaphanous covering detracts from it. Indeed, it is just because some women are beautiful that it is better for them to wear veils. You have noticed the effect of open-air life on persons; it hardens their faces and takes away the softness, the delicacy, the charm. A veil will prevent that."

FRUIT FOR CAKES.

For cakes and puddings scald all the fruit by pouring boiling water right over it. This cleanses it thoroughly, and causes it to swell and become fresh and juicy. Do this the night before cooking, so that the fruit is perfectly dry before being mixed with the other ingredients. If there is no time for this, put the fruit on a coarse sieve or colander, dredge some flour over it, and rub briskly. The flour and stalks fall through, leaving the fruit dry and clean.

UTILISING SALE REMNANTS.

The first Remnant Days in all the big shops are at hand, and counters laden with odd pieces of gorgeous material, ribbons, and laces make women pause, but not for long, for there are few pieces of material for which a use cannot be found.

For instance, the attractive theatre caps, which are so much worn to-day, can be made out of very little silk or brocade, gold lace, or metallic net, and small pieces of beaded or crystal embroideries to ornament them can be picked up on any trimming remnant counter.

An odd piece of three-quarters of a yard of crepe de chine and a yard and an eighth of lace will make a camisole, while a yard of figured foulard is sufficient from which to evolve a magyar "top" to renovate an old silk or gabardine frock.

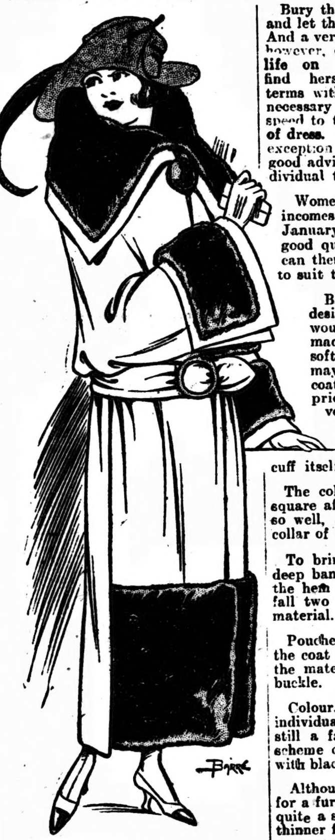
Ribbon Remnants.

For swathed belts you should make a descent upon the ribbon remnants, for these can be used up by a girl with clever fingers in a variety of ways for re-covering a "pull on" hat. Strips of wide plain satin ribbon and brocaded ribbon sewn together make very attractive cushion covers; and, of course, brocaded ribbons make charming little theatre bags.

Although the vaccination scare is dying down, many girls still have scars too ugly to show, so they should herald the advent of ribbon remnants with joy, for quite fascinating little rosettes can be made with ribbon.

Modes of the Moment

WRAP COATS ARE STILL CUT ON AMPLE LINES.



This wrap coat is cut with a wide armhole and a pouched back. The panels fall over the fur-trimmed skirt of the coat on either side.

Bury the past, live in the present, and let the future take care of itself. And a very nice little maxim, too. If, however, every woman arranged her life on these lines would soon find herself barely on speaking terms with Mme. La Mode, for it is necessary in these breathless days of speed to think well ahead in matters of dress. Just as every rule needs an exception to prove it, so must this good advice be disregarded to suit individual tastes.

Women with moderate or small incomes often wait until the January sales to acquire lengths of good quality material, which they can then have made into garments to suit themselves.

Barré's sketch to-day shows a design for a winter coat, which would look extraordinarily well made up in one of the lovely soft French velour cloths, which may be found in every store in coat lengths at greatly reduced prices. The sleeves are inset in very wide armholes, and the wide cuffs are trimmed with bands of black seal coney just laid on the cuff itself.

The collar is one of those huge square affairs which suit tall women so well, and this, too, has an over-collar of the fur.

To bring all into line there is a deep band of coney, which encircles the hem of the coat, and over which fall two plain side panels of the material.

Pouched at the back, the fulness of the coat is kept in place by a band of the material drawn through a metal buckle.

Colour, of course, depends upon the individual taste. Brown and black are still a fashionable alliance. Or the scheme could be carried out in grey, with black coney

Although it is primarily intended for a fur-trimmed wrap, this would be quite a suitable design for any of the thinner fabrics, gabardine, fine serge, or one or other of those fascinating thin woollen materials which may so often be picked up at the sales, and then, of course, the fur could be dispensed with, and embroidery or rows of silk braid could be utilised in its place.

HEALTH HINTS.

A BAD PRACTICE.

Never sleep with the bed against the wall, for health as well as convenience. It is unhealthy to sleep next to a wall bacause of possible dampness, and also, more serious still, because the breath exhaled is thrown back into the face and breathed again. Headache has often been permanently cured by pushing the bed to the middle of the room.

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FOR MOTHERS.

It will interest mothers to know that the habit of babies sucking their thumbs leads to serious injury in several ways. To begin with, it causes protruding and badly-shaped lips, and destroys the contour of the thumb. More than this, it seriously deforms the chest.

The arm of a child addicted to this habit lies most of the time in only one position, and its weight on the thorax occasions a depression of the ribs, to the serious diminution of the lung capacity. It is safe to predict that the constitution of a child who is indulged in this practice will be likely to be seriously and permanently impaired.

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MEDICINE IN VEGETABLES.

Spinach has a direct effect on the kidneys. Asparagus purges the blood. Celery acts admirably upon the nervous system, and should be used freely by those persons who are suffering from rheumatism and neuralgia. Tomatoes act upon the liver. Beets and turnips, for those who can digest them, are excellent appetisers.

Onions, garlic, leeks, chives, and shallots, all of which are similar, possess medicinal virtue of a marked character, stimulating the circulatory system—consequently the saliva and the gastric juice—thus promoting digestion. A soup of onions is held by the French as a good restorative for debilitated digestive organs.

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TREATING BRUISES.

To prevent a bruise from becoming discoloured, apply to it a cloth which has been wrung out of water as hot as can be borne comfortably, and change it as it becomes cold. Supposing hot water cannot be procured, the next best thing is to moisten some dry starch with cold water and to cover the bruised part with it.

A YOUNG GIRL'S ROOM.

Every normal girl is born with a love for daintiness, and it is in her own little bedroom she can indulge her whims for decorating and furnishing, for most mothers are only too glad to feel one room, at least, is off their hands.

Be she flapper or débutante, she would enjoy making a set of curtains, table cover, cushion covers, and window seat cover in muslin decorated with appliqué.

Muslin seems "just right," somehow, for the young girl's room—it's so fresh and gay.

The appliqué pieces are of plain-coloured cotton material. These are cut out into shapes of flowers, animals, little stars, or anything you like, and sewn on to the muslin with coloured mercerised cotton to match or contrast.

A pretty finish to the set is to bind the edges with the coloured cotton material.

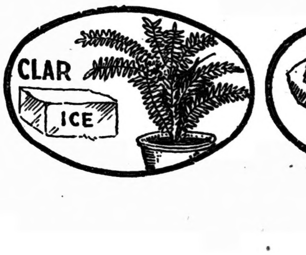
One most delightful set I saw recently was a golden yellow appliqué sewn on to the muslin with mauve cotton, which matched the mauve binding.

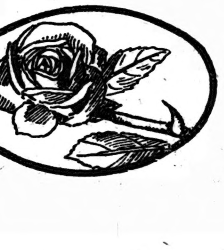
REMOVING MATCH MARKS

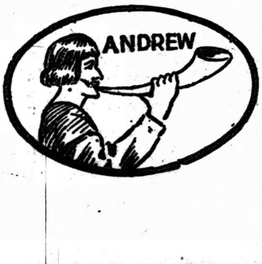
If match marks have been made on a whitewashed wall by striking vestas on the surface, lemon juice will be found effectual in removing the scratches. Half a cut lemon should be rubbed over the marks, and the spot should then be gone over with a clean cloth dipped in whitening. If the surface is then washed with a warm lather and dried quickly with a clean cloth, the disfigurement should be no longer visible.

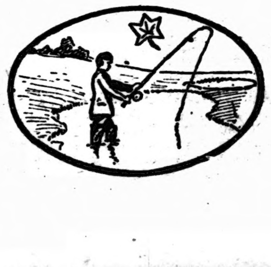
A NEW YEAR'S COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN.—20 PRIZES

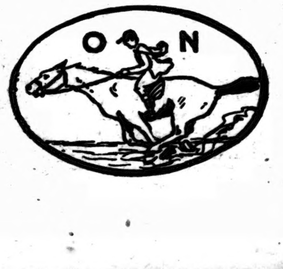
This is the last set of pictures of our New Year's Competition for boys and girls. Write underneath each picture the name it represents, cut them out, and keep them with the previous sets. **Only one name must appear under each picture.** There will be 20 splendid prizes—each prize being a large, lovely 10s. box of superfine "Josephine" chocolates. Post the complete sets to the Competition Editor, "Pall Mall Gazette," 8, Temple-avenue, not later than Monday night'. The results will be published in next Friday's issue of the "Pall Mall Gazette."











TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMMES.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MEETINGS AT HURST PARK AND HAYDOCK.

(From Our Travelling Correspondent.)

A busy week's racing winds up to-morrow with the conclusion of the Hurst Park and Haydock Park meetings, and there is plenty of material to provide some good sport at both venues.

At Hurst Park there are only a few remaining in the Mitre 'Chase, but all the acceptances can be made out to possess a winning chance, and there should be a good contest.

Old Tay Bridge is not out of it even with a penalty, and after the way Hard Nail won at Kempton Park he appears to have a good chance with only 10-10.

At Haydock Park Hairpin II. should atone for his defeat at Manchester by winning the January 'Chase. Selections:—

HURST PARK.

Novices' Chase: **EDEN NOOK.**
Wolsey Four-Year-Old Hurdle: **ARTEMESIA.**
Mitre Chase: **HARD NAIL.**
Richmond Hurdle: **TWICKENHAM.**
Norbiton Handicap: **GLOWANNA.**
Mortlake Handicap: **MYTHICAL.**

HAYDOCK PARK.

Birchfield Hurdle: **ROI DU CIEL.**
St. Helens Chase: **IRISH DRAGOON.**
Earlstown Hurdle: **RAMDA.**
January Chase: **HAIRPIN II.**
Station Hurdle: **CLARKIA.**
White Lodge Chase: **DRUMREE.**

HURST PARK PROGRAMME

1.0.—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs; second 35 sovs, third 15 sovs. Two miles.

210 Damar (Mr A Alexander) ...Dale 5 12 4
333 Lukewarm (Capt B Bibby) Withington a 12 4
003 St George II (Mr C D W Parrish) Private 6 12 4
Helicopter (Capt R H Hastings) Hastings a 12 4
111 Greenmount (Mr S Stewart) G Bennett a 12 4
2 Eden Nook (Mr F W Wilmot) G Poole 5 12 4
002 Another Attraction (Mr P W Shaw) G Bennett a 12 4
002 Mr Shepherd (Mrs Algernon Cox) Gooch 5 11 12
Rifleman (Lt-Col F Douglas-Pennant) Private 5 11 12
0 Merry Horn (Lord Henry Nevill) Whitaker 5 11 12
0 Our Boy (Mr E Sewell) ...Private 5 11 12
203 Oh Dick (Mrs C Stevens) Stevens 4 10 10
0 Bright Prospect (Mr H Lines) Lines 4 10 10
212 Regent's Park (Mr H Hirst) Tabor 5 n.q.
120 Lovely Bird (Mr Knight) Killalee 6 n.q.

1.30.—WOLSEY (S) FOUR YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs; second 10 sovs. Two miles.

110 Yewden (Mrs G Bennett) Bennett 11 0
130 Maraskin (Mr J Hackett) ..Hackett 11 0
000 Deerslayer (Capt D Rogers) D Rogers 11 0
311 Sancroft (Mr J Thomson) J Archer 11 0
320 Graceful Mover (Mr W Allden) Allden 10 7
0 Khoosh (Capt P Barnett) ...Barnett 10 7
Brother Bill (Sir H Bird) Hammond 10 7
000 North and South (Mr H Bradford) Bradford 10 7
000 Gold Coast (Mr C Darrell) ......Hare 10 7
0 Sonoma (Mr B Davison) E Piggott 10 7
00 Jim Dandy (Mr H Dixon) ......Lines 10 7
Lona (Mr G Duller) ....Duller 10 7
00 Octabella's Pride (Mr S Goddard) Green 10 7
0 Brandyball (Mrs J Howeson) W Nightingall 10 7
0 Redshank (Mr T Hulme) ......Hulme 10 7
130 House (Mrs Larkin) ....Larkin 10 7
Lomond Boy (Mr A Newman) Private 10 7
00 Shustoke (Mr D Phillips) Private 10 7
00 Artemesia (Mrs M Russell) Bailey 10 7
0 Bachelor's Gamble (Mrs Stevens) Stevens 10 7
Tinder Box (Mr E Tattersall) H Harrison 10 7
000 Leonotis (Mr J Thornton) ......Dodd 10 7
0 Emphatic (Mr J Tonor) McKenna 10 7
00 Dark Vixen (Mr I Vernon) Woolton 10 7
00 Signet (Lord Woolavington) ...Gore 10 7

2.0.—MITRE HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 400 sovs; second 50 sovs, third 25 sovs. Three miles.

331 Vico (12lb ex) (Mrs J Putnam) G Poole a 12 7
310 Shaun Spadah (Sir M McAlpine) G Poole a 12 7
021 Old Tay Bridge (Mr W H Dixon) Lines a 12 1
032 Square Dance (Mr H M Curtis) G Poole a 12 1
003 Expeditious (Mrs D'Arcy Baker) E Martin a 11 8
010 Winkle (Mr J L Barnett) E Martin a 11 7
310 Keep Cool (Mr W H Midwood) Whitaker a 11 2
330 My Rath (Mr P Ivall) G Bennett a 10 13
131 Hard Nail (Lord Denman) Higham a 10 10
000 Mabu (Capt A Gollan) ..G Poole a 10 9
000 Hackam (Mrs C Stevens) Clancy a 10 8
001 Greenogue (Capt T E W Brinckman) Butchers a 10 8

2.30.—RICHMOND MAIDEN HURDLE RACE of 300 sovs; second 35 sovs, third 15 sovs. Two miles.

0 Egyptian Eagle (Mr F J Alexander) T Leader 4 10 12
10 Perfect Knight (Mr A E Aston) L Sherwood 5 11 8
0 Canopus (Mrs D Baker) E Martin 4 10 12
0 Sailor Son (Lord Barnby) Whitaker 5 11 8
Benula (Mr A Bassett) ....Batho 5 11 8
3 Highlander (Mrs N Brownlee) Butchers 5 11 8
Jappool (Lord Cholmondeley) Cottrill a 11 12
Bucksie (Mr D J Cogan) G Bennett 5 11 8
Grenoble (Mr C Darrell) ...Larkin 4 10 12
0 Dry Toast (Mr B B Davison) E Piggott 4 10 12
0 Attaboy (Mr R B Davison) E Piggott 4 10 12
2 Prince Herod (Mr J Pender) S Darling 6 11 12
Bally Miss (Mr J G Dingley) Peacock 4 10 12
Black Rabbit (Mr T A Edge) G Poole 4 10 12
Tinspear (Mr T A Edge) G Poole a 11 12
00 Lomax (Capt E Elgee) ......Wilkins 4 10 12
Unexpected (Mr F Hartigan) F Hartigan 4 10 12
00 Dinia (Capt R Hastings) Hastings 5 11 8
0 Glass Idol (Mrs Heybourn) J M Bell 5 11 8
Sun Charmer (Mrs Heybourn) J M Bell 4 10 12
0 Crubenmore (Mr C B Ismay) Hastings 5 11 8
Predial (Mr W F Larkin) Larkin 4 10 12
0 Woodford Green (Mr C Larkins) G Bennett 5 11 8
Sangot (Lord Lascelles) ......Gore 5 11 8
8 Tharros (Mr Z Michalinos) F Hunt 4 10 12
00 Silvanus (Lt-Col Parkinson) Reardon 4 10 12
Knee Cap (Mr J Ramsden) ...Gore 4 10 12
Standard (Mr M Rhodes) Hulme 5 11 8
020 Cruiser Aro (Mr T Richards) G Sadler 4 10 12
2 High Force (Lord Rosebery) F Hartigan 4 10 12
0 Belsize (Mr P W Shaw) G Bennett 5 11 8
Hong Kong (Mr J Waldman) Larkin 4 10 12
Ulysses (Mr A Walker) F Hartigan 5 11 8
Cyclax (Mr A Walker) F Hartigan 4 10 12
2 Twickenham (Mr G Waller) Smyth 6 11 12
1 Guinea Stamp (Mr P Webb) Webb 5 11 8
0 Irish Eagle (Mr M Weil) W Nightingall 5 11 8
Marcia (Capt S Wilson) Whitaker 6 11 12
Sainte Helene (Lord Woolavington) Gore 4 10 12
0 Long Corrie (Mr L Zeitlin) G Bennett 5 11 8

3.0. — NORBITON HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs; second 25 sovs, third 10 sovs. Two miles.

001 Beggar's End (Lord Queenborough) Gore a 12 7
00 Master Picton (Mr F Brown) F A Brown a 11 8
203 Sancho Panza (Mr J Edgar) Whitaker 6 11 7
001 Henry B (Sir A Bowen) ...F Hunt a 11 6
231 White Ronald (Mr S Dennis) G Poole a 11 6
012 Bergate (Mr W Dixon) S Bennet a 11 5
Helicopter (Capt R Hastings) Hastings a 11 3
Dare All (late Joe Hampton) (Mr A Scott) ....Woodland 5 11 2
100 The Bore (Mr H A Brown) H A Brown a 11 1
011 Maxtoi (Mr E Piatt) .....Whitaker 5 11 0
0 Dudley (Lord Londesborough) H A Brown a 10 13
102 Carrolstown (Mr J McDonnell) G Bennett a 10 13
230 Kincraig (Mr D Baker) E Martin a 10 12
001 What Luck (Mrs N Phillips) Hyams 6 10 12
130 Welton (Mr W Chatterton) Woodland a 10 11
100 Glowanna (Col Sir G Abercromby) Gore 6 10 11
000 Mabu (Capt A Gollan) ...G Poole a 10 9
300 Financier (Mr W Larkin) Larkin 6 10 8
112 Cross Paddy (Mr T Richards) Batho a 10 8
212 Gem (Mr G Skipper) ...G Bennett a 10 7
000 Lord Callart (Mr J Groarke) G Bennett a 10 4
000 Bachelor's Lady (Mr P Webb) Private a 10 3
301 Blastino (Mr W Pearson) ...Ellis 5 10 2
0 Ireland (Mr T Hartigan) G Bennett a 10 2
030 Honey Cott (Mr C Anson) W Nightingall 5 10 1
301 Ormskirk (Mrs J Hutton) G Poole a 10 0
000 Lord Bunny (Mr T Walton) E Martin 5 10 0

3.30.—MORTLAKE HURDLE HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second 35 sovs, third 15 sovs. Two miles.

200 White Heat (Mrs C Stevens) Stevens a 12 7
010 Furious (Sir F Price) ...Gilbert a 11 11
230 Rattle Snake (Mr P Gilpin) F Hartigan 5 11 10
100 The Kiwi II (Sir W Goulding) Gore 5 11 9
Contractor (Mr J Waldman) Hyams 5 11 9
0 Glass Idol (Mrs Heybourn) J M Bell 5 11 8
000 Lord Northsea (Mr W Rankin) Ireland 6 11 7
030 Mythical (Mr W Bankier) Hastings a 11 7
200 Dorado (Mr J Hutton) ...G Poole a 11 6
001 Golly Eyes (Mr A Pole) F Hunt a 11 5
Dare All (late Joe Hampton) (Mr A Scott) ....Woodland 5 11 5
311 Aubretia (Mr R Huggett) Anthony 6 11 3
102 Charles Surface (Mr E Wigan) Gore 6 11 2
120 Sans Doute (Mr A Saunders) Clement 5 11 1
002 Tomahawk (Mr M Weil) W Nightingall 5 11 0
000 Chicago (Mr A Aston) L Sherwood a 11 0
012 Polisson (Mr W Larkin) ...Larkin 5 11 0
131 Tedney (Mr T Walker) ...Hastings 5 11 0
100 Steady Scotch (Mr D Cogan) G Bennett a 10 13
131 Firing Line (Mr J Miss) T Leader 5 10 13
212 Tuscan (Mr J Dugdale) ...Escott 5 10 13
10 Ischevaha (Mr E Johnstone) Ireland a 10 12
020 Llangarren (Mr P Shaw) G Bennett a 10 11
033 Royal Bucks (Lady Queensberry) G Poole a 10 10
02 Dundonald (Mrs G Bennett) G Bennett 5 10 10
020 Charley's Uncle (Mr H Broadhurst) G Poole a 10 9
211 Coriopsis (Mr F Thurlow) G Bennett 6 10 8
313 Dictation (Mr T Walton) E Martin 5 10 7

HAYDOCK PARK.

1.0. — BIRCHFIELD FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE RACE PLATE of 150 sovs; second 15 sovs. Two miles.

Hereford Lad (Mr T R Bolton) Botterill 11 0
2 Stellation (Mr T Losco Bradley) Knowles 11 0
0 Lado (Mrs E Cecil-Wright) .....Bunn 11 0
0 Little Urchin (Mr Frank Curzon) Whitaker 11 0
02 Roi du Ceil (Mr D C Goold) F Archer 11 0
0 Single Miss (Mr H S Harrison) H Harrison 11 0
00 Milewater (Mr F Hartigan) F Hartigan 11 0
King David (Mr T K Laidlaw) Coulthwaite 11 0
003 Phantom Charley (Sir R M Liddell) Peacock 11 0
0 Bright Prospect (Mr H Lines) Lines 11 0
Township (Mrs R Miller) ......Powell 11 0
0 Fiery Lad (Mrs Morley) ......Private 11 0
000 Myglys (Mrs Hugh Peel) H Harrison 11 0
His Excellency (Mrs F Platt) Beatty 11 0
0 Son o' Lomond (Mr R Simons) Vasey 11 0
330 Butterthwaite (Maj S A Smith) Smallwood 11 0
Rossiany (Mr H Tait) ....Burns 11 0
2 Baydon (Lord Wavertree) Fergusson 11 0
0 Kolinsky (Mrs S Whitburn) Hastings 11 0
022 Roundhay (Mr A Willey) ....Pope 11 0

1.30.—ST. HELENS SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs. Three miles.

002 Pride of Manister (Mr G P Sanday) Sanday a 12 7
000 Ceyx (Mr G Clancy) ....Clancy a 12 4
000 King's Favourite (Mr W Lea) Lea 6 12 1
001 Gardenrath (Mr J T Rogers) D Rogers a 12 0
020 Irish Dragoon (Mr S Oram) G Poole a 11 12
000 Nitric (Mr J W Murland) Private a 11 12
Bridge of Manister (Mr J P Hogan) Hogan a 11 9
000 Cupid's Dart (Mr E McGregor) Private a 11 6
313 Sinbad III. (Col A C Little) Bazley a 11 6
330 Upton Lad (Mr J C Paterson) Private a 11 4
0 Loblolly (Mr W Shaw) Barthropp a 11 2
200 Locator (Mr V Scull) ....Powell a 11 0
330 Signum (Mr W Parrish) ...Private a 10 6
000 Gay Damsel (Mr F Green) C Young a 10 0

2.0. — EARLSTOWN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs; second 20 sovs. Two miles.

013 Hymir (Capt J O'G Delmege) Hogan 6 12 7
000 Galtee Boy (Mr T McCarthy) D Rogers 6 12 3
Ulula (Mr A McCann) ...Ireland 6 12 3
120 Ulster Division (Mr D W Barnett) Coulthwaite 6 12 1
Newtown Wonder (Mr D G Dickson) Coulthwaite 5 11 12
032 Waterford Glass II (Mr H Cope) Bullock a 11 10
130 Rory's Glen (Mr C L Mackeson) Vasey 5 11 9
Felim (Mr J S Lowry) ....Burns a 11 8
302 Morning Star (Mr J Baylis) T Leader a 11 7
300 Aris (Mr E T O'Sullivan) O'Sullivan a 11 6
130 Envoy (Mr H A Brown) H A Brown 6 11 5
0 Saffron (Mr Edward Clark) Burns 6 11 4
00 George Crag (Mr G W Smith) Drake 6 11 4
010 Farm Gamp (Mr W Cary) ......Cary a 11 2
000 Ramda (Mr W Brown) Casebourne a 11 2
000 Some Dancer (Mr G Brennand) Brennand a 11 2
023 Wild Pam (Mr G B Brown) Coulthwaite a 11 2
000 Curragh Breeze (Mr Joseph Whelan) Ireland a 11 1
030 Gilded Spurs (Mr S Moore) Davey 6 11 0
000 Hogier (Mr W C Earl) ....Earl 6 11 0
002 Dug Major (Mr T Richardson) Bullock a 11 0
000 Stormfruit (Mr C F Kenyon) J Dodd 5 10 10
000 Early Bun (Mrs Foden) ...Newey a 10 10
001 Tommy Long (Mr T Greenwood) Moss 4 10 7
000 Woden (Mr C F Kenyon) ...J Dodd a 10 7
200 Nellie Gough (Mr W S Boyd) Coulthwaite 5 10 6
000 Bachelor's Favourite (Mrs C H Stevens) ....Stevens a 10 5
000 Wild Times (Mr H A Brown) H A Brown 6 10 4
300 Sweet Mavoureen (Mr W Allden, jun) P Allden 4 10 0

2.30. — JANUARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs; second 15 sovs, third 5 sovs. Two miles.

110 Zenon (Mr O'Reilly) ...Coulthwaite a 12 9
112 Hairpin II (Mr G P Sanday) Sanday a 12 5
000 Smashaway (Sir H Webb) D Harrison a 11 6
030 My Royal (Mr C F Kenyon) J Dodd a 11 4
200 Navana (Mr C F Kenyon) C Davis a 10 10
100 Shrewsbury (Mr C F Kenyon) J Dodd a 10 4
Fly Mask (Mr T K Laidlaw) Coulthwaite a 10 0

3.0. — STATION SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs. Two miles.

100 Bilsthorpe (Mrs A Bickley) Bickley 6 12 7
320 Clarkia (Mr H Cope) ......Bullock 5 12 1
031 Lady Wavelet (Mr F G Kimberley) Rooney a 12 1
0 Stockinette (Mr W Wilson) Private 6 12 0
Bed Rock (Mr T A O'Gorman) Private a 11 12
000 Hogier (Mr W C Earl) ....Earl 6 11 11
Cecile Rhodes (Mr F Hayes) Toon 5 11 10
0 The Little Gentleman (Mr W Lea) Lea 6 11 9
0 Niugnep (Mr W Openshaw) Bullock a 11 9
100 General (Mr W Lea) ....Lea a 11 8
311 Ranter (Mr C Warner) ......Angler a 11 7
000 More Rain (Mr S Rose) ....Lund a 11 7
000 Maduro (Mr H Dyke Dennis) D Harrison 5 11 6
0 Corso (Mr W G Forbes) J McGuigan a 11 5
020 Little Milford (Mr D H Thomas) D Harrison a 11 5
100 Fortune (Mr H Cope) ......Bullock 5 11 5
010 Pavot (Capt D Rogers) (7lb ex) D Rogers 5 11 2
001 Poise (Mr H A Brown) H A Brown a 11 0
200 Pickering (Mrs D Rogers) D Rogers 5 10 13
Milestones (Mr G Brennand) Brennand a 10 13
130 Sunnycroft (Maj J P Wilson) Wilson a 10 12
030 Leighlin Bridge (Mr J T Rogers) D Rogers 5 10 12
002 Dart Up (Mr T R Bolton) Botterill a 10 11
000 The Corsican (Mr J A Giannelli) Willmott 5 10 9
Jack Sheppard (Mrs A Smith) Private a 10 9
000 Floater (Mr A Goldwater) Stevens a 10 8
000 Mandrake (Mr F Wint) ......Wint 6 10 7
003 Cambridge Prince (Mr J Owen) T Leader 5 10 5
003 Black and Tan (Mr Arthur Knowles) Fergusson 4 10 6
030 Emancipation (Mr R Mealings) Newey 4 10 5
000 King's Double (Mr W W Whiteman) Burns 4 10 4
200 Ground Scout (Mr H A Brown) H A Brown 5 10 4
000 School Choir (Mr W H Dixon) E Piggott 5 10 0

3.25.—WHITE LODGE STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second 10 sovs, third 5 sovs. Two miles.

011 Drumree (Mr G P Sanday) Sanday a 12 0
000 Marcero (Mr H Adams) ...Newey 6 11 7
130 Rampage (Miss A R Cecil-Wright) Bunn 6 11 7
000 Nora II (Mr S Delmege) ......Hogan a 11 7
133 Just for Luck (Mr D G Dickson) Coulthwaite a 11 7
023 Suitus (Mr S Oram) ....Bickley a 11 7
303 Edgeley (Mr J C Paterson) Private a 11 7
001 Gardenrath (Mr J T Rogers) D Rogers a 11 7
300 Brutus III (Mr G P Sanday) Sanday a 11 7
0 Glengarry II (Maj Ian Straker) Private a 11 7
000 Beckers (Mr W Wilson) ......Vasey 5 11 3
000 By Proxy (Col W S Anthony) Hastings 5 11 3
002 Presumptuous (Mr G Clancy) Clancy 5 11 3
002 Fugo (Mr T Davidson) ...Whitaker 5 11 3
330 Henri Martin (Maj R Fenwick-Palmer) ....Palmer 5 11 3
211 Harmonius (Sir R W B Jardine) Coulthwaite 5 11 3
000 Simon's Mount (Mr J L Jarvis) T Leader 5 11 3

BIG FOOTBALL TO-MORROW

LAST LEAGUE GAMES BEFORE THE CUP TIES—TASK FOR THE SPURS—LONDON'S TEAMS.

The last of the League football fixtures before the first round proper of the Cup takes place to-morrow. Of London's three First Division teams only the 'Spurs are at home, and have a stiff task before them in entertaining Middlesbrough.

The general time of kick-off is 2.30.

LEAGUE I.

Stoke v. Arsenal
Preston North End v. Aston Villa.
Birmingham v. Sunderland.
West Bromwich Albion v. Blackburn R.
Cardiff City v. Bolton Wanderers.
Burnley v. Sheffield United.
Liverpool v. Chelsea.
Huddersfield Town v. Everton.
Oldham Athletic v Manchester City.
Tottenham Hotspur v. Middlesbrough.
Newcastle United v. Nottingham Forest.

LEAGUE II.

Crystal Palace v. Bradford City.
Fulham v. Southampton.
Leeds United v. Port Vale.
Leicester City v. Barnsley.
Manchester United v Hull City.
Notts County v. Derby County.
Rotherham County v Clapton Orient.
The Wednesday v. Blackpool.
South Shields v. Wolverhampton W.
Stockport County v. Bury.
West Ham United v. Coventry City.

LEAGUE III. (Southern Section).

Aberdare Athletic v. Swansea Town.
Brentford v. Plymouth Argyle.
Brighton and Hove A. v. Northampton T.
Bristol City v. Gillingham.
Millwall v. Luton Town
Newport County v. Swindon Town.
Norwich City v. Bristol Rovers.
Portsmouth v. Queen's Park Rangers.
Exeter City v. Reading.
Southend United v. Merthyr Town.
Watford v Charlton Athletic.

LEAGUE III. (Northern Section).

Ashington v. Rochdale.
Barrow v. Lincoln City.
Bradford v. Grimsby Town.
Darlington v Stalybridge Celtic.
Durham City v. Chesterfield.
Hartlepools United v. Nelson.
Halifax Town v. Accrington Stanley
Southport Central v. Wrexham.
Tranmere Rovers v. Crewe Alexandra.
Walsall v. Wigan Borough.

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

Boston v Denaby United.
Grimsby Town R. v. Rotherham C. R
Hull City R. v. Castleford Town
Lincoln City R. v. Notts County R.
Scunthorpe United v. Mansfield Town.

CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Aston Villa v Preston N.E.
Blackburn Rovers v West B. Albion.
Blackpool v. Bolton Wanderers.
Bradford City v. Stoke.
Bury v. Burnley.
Derby County v. Birmingham.
Everton v. Huddersfield Town
Manchester City v Manchester United.
Port Vale v. Leeds United.
Sheffield United v. Liverpool.
Wolverhampton W. v. Oldham Ath.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Bristol Rovers v Norwich City.
Boscombe v. Bristol City.
Plymouth Argyle v. Southend United.
Reading v. Exeter City.
Southampton v. Watford.
Swindon Town v Guildford United.
Torquay United v. Brighton and H.A.
Yeovil and Petters United v. Bath City

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Albion Rovers v. Clyde.
Celtic v. Aberdeen.
Falkirk v Ayr United.
Hamilton v. Partick Thistle
Hearts v. Third Lanark.
Kilmarnock v Dundee
Morton v. Airdrie.
Raith Rovers v Alloa.
Rangers v Motherwell.
St. Mirren v. Hibernian

RUGBY.

INTERNATIONAL TRIAL MATCH.

(At Twickenham England v. The Rest.

SCOTTISH TRIAL MATCH.

Scotland v. The Rest.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

(At Hartlepool) Durham v. Cumberland.
(At Torquay) Devon v. Somerset.
(At Birkenhead Park) Cheshire v. Yorkshire.

CLUB MATCHES.

Old Merchant Taylors v. Guy's Hospital
St. Bartholomew's Hospital v. Harlequins
London Scottish v. London Hospital.
London Welsh v. Coventry.
Gloucester v. Old Blues.
United Services (Portsmouth) v. Blackheath.
Exeter v. Plymouth Albion
Moseley v. Northampton.
Abertillery v. Newport
Swansea v. Llanelly
Bristol v. Cardiff
Leicester v. R.A.F.
Aberavon v Neath
Stroud v. Bath.
Cross Keys v Penarth.

NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.

Featherstone Rovers v. Swinton.
Halifax v. Bradford Northern.
Hull v. Huddersfield.
Hunslet v Batley.
Keighley v. Widnes.
Leigh v Oldham
Rochdale Hornets v. Wigan
Salford v. Bramley.
St. Helens v. Barrow.
Wakefield Trinity v. Broughton Rangers.
Warrington v. Leeds.
Wigan Highfield v St. Helens Recreation.
York v. Hull Kingston Rovers.

AMATEUR.

LONDON CUP.

Barnet v. Leytonstone.
Bromley v. Ilford.
Custom House v. Nunhead.
Dulwich Hamlet v. Wimbledon.
Clapton v. Civil Service.
Kingstonians v. Catford Southend.
Tufnell Park v. West Norwood.
Barking v. London Caledonians.

ATHENIAN LEAGUE.

St. Albans City v. Enfield.
Hampstead Town v. Southall.

LONDON LEAGUE.

Oray Wanderers v. Burberrys.
Leyton v. Bostall Heath.
Redhill v. Edmonton.
Temple Mills v. Sterling Athletic.
Tooting Town v. Gnome Athletic.
Walthamstow Grange v. Grays Athletic.
Chingford United v. R.N.V.R.
Catford Southend Res. v. Brymay's.
S.T.D. Athletic v. Van den Berghs.
P.L.A. Police v. New Barnet.

SPARTAN LEAGUE.

G.E. Railway v. Old Lyonians.
Old Latymerians v. Hertford Town.
Chesham United v. Walthamstow Avenue.
Slough v. Wood Green.
Wealdstone v. Polytechnic.
Finchley v. Leavesden M.H.
Apsley v. Chesham United Res.
G.W. Railway v. Finchley R.
Polytechnic R. v. Wealdstone R.

CHARITY MATCH.

Old Citizens v. Old Malvernians.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.

Oxford City v. Woking.

LONDON'S TEAMS.

HOW THE CLUBS WILL BE REPRESENTED.

Arsenal: Robson; Mackie, Kennedy; Milne, Graham, John; Baker, Blyth, Turnbull, R. Boreham, Dr. J. A. Paterson.

Brentford.—Young; Alton, Rosier; Kerr, Inglis, Haggan; Hendren, Capper, Morris, Duncan, Stott.

Charlton Athletic. — Wood; Burton, Herod; Purdy, Whalley, Goodman; Castle, Steele, G. Ayres (or Filliston), Thomson, Smith.

Chelsea: Hampton; Smith, Harrow; Priestley, Cameron, Meehan; Linfoot, Ford, Armstrong, Sharp, McNeil.

Clapton Orient: Wood; S. Toner, Nicholls; Dixon, Galbraith, Nicholson; Gillat, Bailey, J. Tonner, Bliss, O. Williams.

Crystal Palace: Alderson; Little, Cross; McCracken, Millard, Dreyer, Harry, Johnson, Whitworth (or Blakemore), Morgan, Hand (or Whibley).

Fulham (from).—Reynolds, Fleming, Chaplin, Baggo, Torrance, Martin, Kingsley, Shea, Osborne, Smith, Darvill, Penn.

Millwall.—Lansdale; Fort, Hill; Pembleton, Riddell, Amos (or Hankey); Hopper, Layton (or Keen), Moule, Dillimore, Pither.

Queen's Park Rangers.—Hill; Marsden, Bain; John, Vigrass, J. Gregory; Butler, Birch (or Davis), Parker, Chandler, Edgley.

Tottenham Hotspur: Blake; Clay, Pearson; Smith, Lowe, Grimsdell; Walden, Seed, Lindsay, Handley, Dimmock.

Watford.—Williams; Horsman, Gregory; Toone, Strain, Carter; Stephenson, Smith, Pagnam, White, Wilkinson.

The Harlequins' fifteen against St. Bart.'s Hospital at Winchmore Hill to-morrow will be: R H King; B L Jacot, G V Palmer, G D Hale, J C Gibbs; G N B Huskinson, J R B Worton; H P Marshall, P W Adams, J M Currie, G Young, A A Moller, J S Chick, A H Boyd, H B T Wakelam. Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE JUMPERS.

SOME POSSIBLE 'NATIONAL' ENTRANTS.

SOUTHAMPTON.

(By "TITUS OATES.")

Those who made the journey to Manchester on Tuesday to witness nine events saw some good class sport and fencing of a character that may be worth remembering when we have to consider possibilities in the Grand National and other important 'chases yet to be decided.

The victory of Habton was very impressive, not so much in the fact that he won, but by the ease with which the course was traversed and the fact that he was leading the whole of the way, to win by many lengths

Habton is only a six-year-old, and young to be considered as a Grand National horse, but he has improved so tremendously in the last few weeks that there seems no limit to his possibilities.

It was by twelve lengths that he had previously beaten Old Tay Bridge and a good field at Kempton, so that it would seem there are no half measures about Frank Hartigan's splendid 'chaser.

Blazing Corn's Deterioration.

That he will go far is certain, and I doubt if there is a horse of his age who could beat him at the moment.

The distance was only two miles, and it may be a question whether he has the stamina of some of the other well-known performers. This will have to be found out, but I must say that the brilliant fencing of Habton at Manchester was worth seeing.

Blazing Corn gave one of the poorest exhibitions of a good horse this season, and I am wondering whether he has been overrated or that he was simply off colour.

He was expected to shine in the matter of speed, and, the distance being only two miles, he was made favourite. As a matter of fact, he was one of the first beaten

We shall find Hairpin II. winning soon. He had been specially saved for this race, and with Habton out of the way would have got the race, but the superiority of the winner in every phase of 'chasing was most marked.

It is clear that the Hednesford stable is getting into form, and, as at Manchester, so probably at Liverpool in March, we shall find Coulthwaite a force to be reckoned with. To saddle three winners was a pretty good day's work on Tuesday.

How Benediction was only about third favourite puzzles me, for the stable had given a public tip for his chance in the Victory Hurdle, seeing that he was the only one left in out of nearly half a dozen.

And yet I was not so surprised at his neglect in the market as I was to see Atlantic Flight second favourite. Whilst claiming to know something about Newmarket horses and their prospects in big events, I admit that I could not see that he had a chance of winning an important event like this on the form he had shown in public or the work that he had been doing

Some to Wait For.

I know that he was left in to the exclusion of Perry Hill and Sprig, but I have never been able to look on Atlantic Flight as much more than a plater. Perhaps he will show us in the Warrington Hurdle at Haydock Park on Friday that I have sadly underrated him.

Many are on the lookout for Shaun Spadah, Southampton, Sergeant Murphy, and others of the front rankers.

They may have to wait a little longer yet, but Taffytus is doing good work at Newmarket, and progressing very satisfactorily in a steady preparation for something.

What it is I cannot say, but, ultimately, the object may be the Grand National, although several who may be prominent among the fancies for that race will be seen out before then.

Evidently Gore thinks that Southampton had too much work prior to the Grand National last year to give him a good chance of winning that event, and it will be all in his favour if he does not do much public work before the big test at Aintree.

The racing public may not quite agree with me, and they love to see a popular horse and a brilliant one exploited for their entertainment.

Black Gown, who has been doing so well in his hurdling work, does not, I hear, run at Haydock, so that his first appearance over the minor obstacles must be deferred.

CITY NEWS AND NOTES.

SMALLER PROFITS FROM BANKING.

From the preliminary statements now available, the year 1922 was undoubtedly a less profitable period for banking institutions. It was hardly to be expected, however, that in the face of the four reductions in the Bank Rate during 1922, and consequent decline in bill rates, that the banks could maintain their profits at the levels of the immediately preceding years. True, the deposit rate was reduced during the year, but the average margin between that rate and the discount rate for short bills is 18s. 10d., as against £1 1s. 6d. in 1921.

It is not thought likely that any of the big banks will be obliged to reduce their dividends this time. In the past profits have been conservatively distributed, and the margin between the actual amount paid over to shareholders and earnings has been sufficiently wide to allow for any subsequent shrinkage in the latter. Barclays Bank offsets the effect upon dividends of the fall in profits by reducing its allocations by £400,000. Williams Deacon's similarly has placed £50,000 as against £100,000 to reserve, but has increased the sum written off premises. The Manchester and Liverpool District Bank, a very important provincial institution, has not repeated the allocation of £100,000 to reserve fund.

Net profits and amounts required for dividends reported by the foregoing banks come out thus:—

	Net profit 1922	Paid in Dividends.
Barclays	£1,873,731	£1,508,717
Williams Deacon's	£377,175	£244,140
Manchester and L'pool District	£465,245	£347,600

Barclays dividend is maintained at 10 per cent. on the "A" shares and 14 per cent. on the "B" and "C" shares. On Williams Deacon's "A" shares the rate is raised to 13⅓ per cent., as against 12½ per cent. Manchester and Liverpool District Bank again pays 18⅓ per cent.

ARICA AND TACNA RAILWAY.

A poll is to be taken on Wednesday next on the question of re-electing the retiring directors of the Arica and Tacna Railway Company.

Critics of the board wish to have the office of the company transferred abroad, with the control and management local instead of from London.

In self-defence, the directors are urging the necessity of shareholders having their shares proved, prior to voting. Forms are being distributed for bankers to certify the holding of the shares. It is insisted, too, that if share certificates are in the hands of shareholders they should still be produced to bankers for their certification.

It may be added that at the annual meeting held before Christmas the reelection of the directors was carried by 30 to 14 on a show of hands. A poll, however, being demanded, it will be taken on the 10th instant.

The directors claim that they have proxies for 9,130 shares, as against 4,800 proxies held by the other side. The certifying of the certificates is regarded by the board as a safeguard in case of a challenge

HIGH-YIELDING DEBENTURES.

Early next week there will be offered for sale two classes of debentures of the Buenos Ayres Central Railway on terms giving yields (including profit on redemption) of £6 12s. 6d. per cent. and £7 3s. per cent. The smaller yield applies to the 4 per cent. First Mortgage Debentures to be offered at 73½, while the 5 per cent. Second Debentures, which will be offered at 74½, will give the larger return. The prospectus will submit figures showing both issues to be well covered.

THE METAL MARKET.

FURTHER DECLINE IN THE PRICE OF SPELTER.

COPPER.—Official prices 5s. lower at £64 5s. to £64 7s. 6d. spot, and 2s. 6d. lower at £65 to £65 2s. 6d. forward. Settlement price, £65 7s. 6d.

TIN.—Official prices 2s. 6d. higher at £179 to £179 5s. spot, and 2s. 6d. lower at £180 5s. to £180 7s. 6d. forward. Settlement price, £179.

LEAD.—2s. 6d. lower at £26 12s. 6d. January, and £26 2s. 6d. April. Settlement price, £26 12s. 6d.

SPELTER.—7s. 6d. lower at £35 5s. January, and 5s. lower at £33 10s. forward. Settlement price, £35 5s.

Supplied by Mr. Walter Henry Barnard, 24, Lime-street, E.C. 3.

TRAIN-FERRY COMPANY.

Lord Ailwyn, late deputy-chairman of the Great Eastern Railway, who is one of the four directors of the Great Eastern Railway nominated to the board of the London and North-Eastern Railway, has been appointed by the London and North-Eastern Railway as their representative on the board of the company being formed in connection with the direct train-ferry service between Harwich and Zeebrugge, which train-ferry service will be operated by the London and North-Eastern Railway.

STOCK EXCHANGE.

DOMINATED BY POLITICS.

PRICES ABOVE WORST.

The breakdown of the Paris Conference has cast a gloom over the stock markets, and happening, as it does, at the close of the Account, operators have naturally restricted and in many cases reduced their commitments. The Stock Exchange is, of course, grievously disappointed, but not unduly disturbed, although a little anxiety has been evinced as to what France will do next. It is the uncertainty of what may happen that is responsible for the little nervousness displayed in certain quarters.

While the general tone has certainly not been good, no selling pressure has been reported, and no slump in prices has taken place. Indeed, in many directions quotations have recovered from bottom levels.

War Loan Higher.

At the outset gilt edged stocks were ⅛ to ¼ off, but towards the afternoon developed a better tendency, and British Funds became buyers, where they had previously been offered.

Five per cent War Loan is closing better on the day at 100⅜ after 100⅛, and conversion at 75 3-16 after 74⅞. Funding Loan is 86⅛.

French Loans Weaker.

The reflex of the bellicose attitude of France has been gound in the heaviness of the foreign bond market, where many sharp declines have occurred. French Fours have weakened to 22¼ and the Fives to 28½, both dropping 1½ each. Rio Tintos have given way to 32⅞, and Turkish Unified is no better than 26 sellers. French Fours have rallied to almost 23 and the Fives to 29.

Railway Deferred Stocks Lower.

Home rails opened dull and lower, but gradually recovered as the day advanced. The Deferred stocks, which have commanded a good deal of speculative attention in the last couple of days, have proved vulnerable spots. Southern Deferred is a point down at 35¼, and Berwicks 33 only. On the other hand, Great Westerns have been comparatively steady at 111 and Brums at 104⅞. Berwicks have rallied to 33½ and Souths to 35½.

B.A.G.S. Strong.

Next to nothing has been doing among the chief foreign rails. The tone has been dull in sympathy with the general surroundings, but Argentine stocks picked up during the afternoon under the lead of B.A. Great Southerns, which are finishing strong at 87½ after 86½.

Courtaulds Fluctuate.

Business in the industrial share market has been very limited. Fresh profit-taking depressed Courtaulds to 62s. 9d., but the shares became buyers again and fluctuated around 63s. Other textiles have gone a few pence off. Illingworths are better at 20s. 3d., Linen Threads 1⅜, and Harrods 28s. 9d.

28s. 9d.

Steel and engineering shares have turned dull and easier, perhaps, in tendency although no serious price declines have been recorded. Brunner Monds have gone back to 37s. 6d

Electrical shares have been favoured; Siemens 23s., Generals 20s. 9d.

Thorneycrofts preferred are better at 15s. and Wallpaper deferred 14s. 4½d. "Daily Mirror" ordinary at 4 5-16 and Associated News deferred at 5⅜ have both kept firm.

San Franciscos Good.

For the most part mines have been quiet. The feature has been the strength of San Francisco at 18s. 9d. and Esperanzas at 12s. 6d. Cams have improved to 2 7-16. Kaffirs have drooped again, the smaller shares shedding 3d. to 6d. apiece, and the heavier shares the "turn."

V.O.C. Oils Erratic.

Considering the lack of business oil shares have been commendably steady as a whole. Mex Eagles have been dealt in again a shade over 2 and under yesterday's best price. The other leaders have not altered much. Venezuelans have been erratic, and, after slumping to 23s. 6d., rallied to 25s. bid on repurchases

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Messrs. Browne, Drakeford, and Co., of Liverpool and London, report as follows:—

Previous Closing Prices.

American futures closed: Jan. 14.57d., March 14.43d., May 14.27d., July 14.07d.

New York closed: Jan. 26.34c., March 26.50c., May 26.62c., July 26.33c., Oct. 24.52c.

Egyptian futures closed: Jan. 16.70d., March 16.80d. Easy.

Friday.

American futures opened: Jan. 14.42d., March 14.28d., May 14.12d., July 13.95d.

11 a.m.—American futures: Jan. 14.48d., March 14.35d., May 14.15d., July 13.99d.

Alexandria opened: Jan. 32.25d., March 33.25d.

Spot sales: 4,000 bales.

12.15 p.m.—American futures: January 14.51d., March 14.37d., May 14.21d., July 14.01d.

2 p.m.—American futures: 4 points over noon rates.

Tone steady.

12.15 p.m.—Egyptian futures: January 16.60d., March 16.70d.

Alexandria closed: January 32.25d., March 33.25d.

LATEST TAPE PRICES.

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BRITISH FUNDS, Etc.

Consols 10.49—55⅝ ¾ 1.38—55¾ 6
War Loan 5% 10.49—100 1/16 5/16 11.9—100 1/16 3/16 11.47—100 3/16 5/16 12.56—100⅛ ½ 2.5—100 7/16 100 9/16
War Loan 4½% 10.49—94¾ 5¼
War Loan 4% 10.49—101¾ 2¼
War Loan 3½% 10.49—95½ 6
Funding 1.4—85⅝ 6⅛
Victory 10.4—88⅛ ⅜
Small 10.19—88½ ¾ 1.38—88⅝ ⅞
Conversion 3½% 10.49—74 15/16 5 1/16 11.9—74 13/16 74 15/16 11.47—74 15/16 5 1/16 12.56—75⅛ 3/16 1.33 75 6⅛
Local Loans 10.49—63⅞ 4⅛
Treasury 5½% A 10.49—104⅛ 5¼
C 10.49—104⅛ 5⅛
D 10.49—102 ½
Exchequer 5½% 1925 10.49—104¼ ½
National War Bonds 1st Series 5% 1927 11.17—104¼ ½
4% 1927 11.17—100¾ 101¼
Do. 2nd Series 5% 1923 11.1—102 7/16 11/16
5% 1923 11.17—105⅛ 106⅛
4% 1923 11.17—100¾ 101¼
Do. 3rd Series 5% 1923 11.17—104½ ¾
4% 1923 11.17—100¾ 101¼
Do. 4th Series 5% 1929 11.17—105⅝ ⅞
India 7% 1925-31 10.49—110½ 11½
India 3½% 1932 10.49—99¼ ½
India New 4½% 1950-1955 10.49—1¼ 1 dis
India 3½% 10.49—63¼ 63¾
India 3% 10.49—55⅛ ⅜
India 2¾% 10.49—45¾ 46¼
Irish 3% 10.49—62½ 3½
Irish 2¾% 10.49—56⅝ 57⅝
L.C.C. 3½% 10.49—74½ 75½
L.C.C. 3% 10.49—64 5
Met. Water B 10.49—64 65
Met. Water C 10.49—104 5
Bank Stock 10.49—252 35

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

Cal. Pf. 10.47—51¾ 2¼
Cal. Df. 10.47—15¼ ½ 11.9—15⅛ ⅜ 1.39—15 ¼
Gt. Western 10.47—110½ 11 11.2—110¾ 110¾ 12.10—110¾ 110⅞ 12.56—110⅝ 111⅛ 1.39—110½ 111
Ldn Mid. Scot. 10.47—105 ½ 11.9—104½ 5 12.10—104¾ 5¼ 12.56—104½ 5
Ldn & N.E. Pf. 10.47—76¾ 7¼ 11.9—76½ 7½ 1.39—77 8
Def. 10.47—33 ⅜ 12.36—33¼ ¾
4% 1st Pref. 11.47—77 8
2nd Pref. 11.4—75 ½
Metro. 10.47—59¾ 60¼
Met. Dist. 10.47—45¾ 46¼
Sthern Pf. 10.47—77½ 78½
Def. 10.47—35½ 6 11.9—35¼ ¾
A Ord. 10.47—32 3
B Ord. 10.47—11½ 12½
Und. Elec. 6% Income Bonds 10.47—86½ 87½
Und. Elec. 11.3—2¼ 2¾
Und. Elec. A 11.3—6/9 7/3

CANADIAN RAILWAYS.

Can. Pac. 12.35—154 156
Trunk Pac. 11.1—38 40
Trunk Ord. 11.1—¼ ½
Trunk 1st Pref. 11.1—5 7
Trunk 2nd Pref. 11.1—2½ 3½
Trunk 3rd Pref. 11.1—1 2
Trunk Guarantd 11.1—76 7

AMERICAN RAILROADS.

Ches. & Ohio 12.35—76 7
Erie 12.35—11½ 12½
Erie 1st Pref. 12.35—16 18
Southern Com. 12.35—26½ 7½
Southern Pref. 12.35—69 71
Ontario 12.35—20½ 1½
Nat. Mex. 8% 1st Pref. 12.35—7 ½
Nat. Mex. 8% 2nd Pref. 12.35—3 ½

SHIPPING.

Cairns 11.1—21/9 22/9
Clan New Deb 11.1—103 4
Cour 11.5—1 11/16 13/16
Cunard 11.1—23 6 24/6
Furness 11.1—35/3 36/3
Indo China Def 11.1—27 9
Lamport Holt 5% 11.1—94 5
P & O Def 11.1—325 35
Royal Mail 11.1—97 99
New 11.1—103 4
Union Castle New Deb 11.1—104 5
New 11.1—/3dis /3 pm

OILS.

Agwi Pet. 11.40—1 11/32 1 13/32
Anglo-American 11.16—4 1/16 3/16
Anglo-Ecuador 11.25—21/9 2/3
Anglo-Egypt B 11.16—1 5/16 7/16
Anglo-Persian New Ord. 10.54—4⅜ ½
Anglo-Persian 8% Pref. 12.38—25/ /6
Anglo-Persian 9% Pref. 12.38—26/ /6
Brit. Control 11.16—7/7½ /10½
Brit. Control Pf. 11.16—8/7½ /10½
Burmah 10.54—5 3/16 5/16 11.30—5⅛ ¼ 1.46—5 3/16 ¼
Havana 11.25—1/3 /6
Kern 12.38—18/3 18/9
Lobitos 11.25—5⅛ ⅜
Mex. Eagles 10.54—1 31/32 2 1/32 11.16—2 1/16
Mex. Eagles Pf. 10.54—1 15/16 2
Mex. Eagles New Pref. 10.54—17/ /3
N. Canes 11.2—9/16 5/8
Peru Synd. 11.16—3/6 4/6
Phoenix 10.54—24/9 5/3
Premier 11.16—2/6 /9
Roumanian Cons. 10.54—11/6 12/
Royal Dutch 10.54—33 ⅛
Shells 10.54—4 3/16 ¼ 11.16—4 5/32 7/32
Spies 11.25—4/9 5/3
Tankers P. 11.25—6/ /6
Trin. Apex 11.25—2 1/16 ⅛
Trin. Cent. 11.25—1⅛ 1¼
Trin. Lease 11.25—1 5/32 1 7/32
Un. Trin. 11.25—9/32 11/32
Urals 11.25—17/32 19/32
Uroz 11.16—7/10½ 8/1½
Venezuela 10.54—24 6 25/ 11.16—23/9 4/9 11.25—23/6 4/ 11.30—24/ /6 11.40—24/3 24/9 1.50—25 3 9
Pref. 11.40—22/3 /9

RUBBER, TEA, ETC.

Allagar 12.15—1/1½ 1/4½
Amalg. Rub. Est. 11.22—2/7½ /10½
Anglo-Boliv. 12.15—/6 /9
Anglo-Dutch 11.15—34/ 5/
Anglo-Java 12.12—2 9 3/
Anglo-Johore 12.15—/6 /9
Anglo-Malay 12.0—1 1/32 3/32
Bah Lias 12.29—1 15/32 19/32
Bajoe Kidoel 12.29—1⅝ ¾
Baru Java 12.29—1 11/32 1 15/32
Batang Cona. 12.15—1/6 /9
Besoeki 12.29—1¼ ⅜
Beverley 12.15—1/3 /6
Biting 12.15—6/3 /9
Brieh 12.25—1/10½ 2/1½
Brit. Rub. Est. Java 12.15—3/6 /9
Bukit Cloh 12.15—4/6 5/0
Bukit Mertajam 12.15—2/9 3/
Bukit Rajah 12.29—3 1/32 1 3/32
Bukit Selangor 12.15—1/4½ /7½
Bukit Sembawng 12.15—1/7½ /10½
Chersonese 12.15—3/3 3 6
Cheviot 12.15—3/7½ 3/10½
Chimpul 12.15—1/7½ 1/10½
Con. Malay 12.29—4/3 5/3
Djasinga 12.25—27/32 29/32
Diember 12.29—1 1/16 3/16
Eastern Rub. Trust 12.29—19/ 20/
Grand Central 11.15—20/9 1/9
Gula Kalumpong 12.25—1 15/32 19/32
Hidden Streams 12.25—1½ ¾
Highlands 12.0—1 19/32 1 23/32
Java Amal. 12.29—1 ⅛
Java Invest. 12.29—1 5/32 1 9/32
Java Para 12.29—1 3/16 5/16
Java Rub. Prod. 12.29—1 11/16 13/16
Java Un. 12.29—1 9/32 13/32
Kamuning 12.15—2/10½ 3/1½
Kapar Para 12.25—2 1/16 2 3/16
Kawie Java 12.29—3/4½ /10½
Kelani Valley 12.25—2 7/16 9/16
Kepitigalla 12.25—7/3 8/3
Kepong 12.25—4/10½ 5/4½
Kombok 12.15—2/10½ 3/1½
Labu 12.29—1 7/16 9/16
Kuala Lump 12.29—2 ¼
Langen 12.29—1 1/32 1 3/32
Laras 12.15—1/9 2/
Lingui 12.0—1 17/32 21/32
Ln. Asiatic 12.0—3/9 4/3
Lubok 12.15—2/10½ 3 1½
Lumut 12.29—1 11/16 13/16
Malacca 12.29—2⅛ ⅜
Malayalam 12.25—23/3 24/
[illegible] 12.15—1/6 1/9
Merlimau 12.15—3/1½ /4½
Mt. Austin 12.29—1¼ ⅜
[illegible] 12.25—¾ ⅞
Nordanal 12.25—⅝ ¾
Pataling 12.25—1 1/16 3/16
Perak 12.29—3/ /6
Port Dickson 12.15—2/1½ /4½
Rim 12.15—3/1½ 4½
Rubber Trust 11.22—23/ /6
Seafield 12.25—¾ ⅞
Selaba 12.25—1⅛ ¼
Selangor 12.25—5/4½ 5/10½
Sennah 12.25—12/ 14/
Sialang 12.21—1 15/32 17/32
Singapore Para 12.15—2/1½ /4½
Singapore Un. 12.15—1/1½ /4½
Straits Bertam 12.0—4/9 5/3
Straits Rub. 12.25—1 ⅛
Sumatra Para 12.29—3/1½ /7½
Taiping 12.15—1/7½ 1/10½
Tali Ayer 12.25—22/0 23/0
Tambira (15/ pd) 11.29—1 1/16 ⅛
Tandjong 12.29—1⅛ 1¼
Telogoredjo 12.10—1 13/16 1 15/16
Un. Serdang 12.0—3/3 /6
Un. Sumatra 12.29—2/6 3/
Un. Temiang 12.15—2/10½ 3/1½
Vallambrosa 12.0—13/9 14 3
Waverley 12.15—1/7½ 1/10½

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL.

A B C 10.56—31/9 2/9
Af. E. Tra 10.49—28 6 9/6
[illegible] 10.55—13/3 13/9
Army Navy 10.56—22/0 3/0
[illegible] 10.56—16/0 17/0
Barker J 11.1—48/6 9 6
[illegible] 10.55—43 3 4/3
Bradford Dyer 10.55—46/6 47/6
Brit. Am. Tob 10.56—38/0 8/9
Brit. Cellulose 11.5—8 9 9/3
Brit. Cellulose Pf 11.5—12/10½ 13/4½
Brit. [illegible] 10.56—23/0 4/0
Bt N Borneo 10.49—10/6 11/6
Brit. Dyes 11.40—4/3 5/3
Brit. Oil Cake 10.55—26/3 7 3
Bryant & May 10.56—41/9 2/9
Calico Printer 10.55—21/3 2/3
Charron 11.1—1 9 2/9
[illegible] 10.49—2¼ ⅜
Coats 10.5—5 /3 6 3
Co. Dyer 11.40—8 6 9/6
Courtauld 10.43—62/3 63/0 11.40 63/ /5
Cook, Son 11.3—15/6 16/6
Pref. 11.3—20/3 21/3
Copestake 11.3—16 0 17/0
Crowley 11.1—5/6 6/6
Cross Blackwell 11.5—3/9 4/3
7½ Pref 11.5—14/6 15/0
2d Pref 11.5—7/9 8/3
Cross Went. 11.5—/7½ /8½
Pf 11.5—14/4½ 10½
Dennis 11.1—26/0 7/0
De Trey 10.49—15/9 16/9
Dunlop 10.56—/7½ 9/ ½
Deb 10.56—104¼ 5¼
Eastwood 11.3—14/6 15/6
English Cotton 10.55—46/6 7/6
English Elec. 11.12—16/0 17/0
Fine Spinners 10.55—42/6 3/6
Gas Light Coke 11.51—94 5
Gen Elec 11.12—19/9 20/9
Harper Bean 11.1—1/0 /6
Harper Bean Pf 11.1—2/6 3/0
Harrods 10.56—28/6 9/6
Harrod B A 10.56—8/6 9/0
Hollins 11.40—20/6 1/6
Home Col 11.10—2¼ 3
Howard B. 11.47—2 9/16 11/16
Hoyle 11.40—1 5/16 7/16
Humber 10.56—24/3 5/3
Hyd. Deccan 10.49—1⅛ ¼
Hudson Bays 11.1—7 7/16 9/16
Ideal Sewing Machine 10.49—/7 /9
Imp Cons Gas 11.51—159 61
Imp. Tob. Gt. Britain 10.55—72/6 3/6
Imp. Tob. Can 10.56—21/9 2/9
Johnson P 11.5—16 0 17/0
Jones L E 11.3—2/4½ 2/7½
Int Paint 11.3—⅛ ⅜
Jones Pref 11.3—7/0 7/6
Jurgens Pref 10.56—18/3 19/3
Jute Ind. 11.40—7/6 8/0
Jute Pref 11.40—18/9 19/9
Lever 7% Pref 10.56—20/1½ /7½
Lever 8% Pref 10.56—19/1½ /7½
20% P 10.56—10/9 11/3
[illegible] 10.56—108¼ 10¼
5% Deb 10.56—93 4
Lipton 11.47—26/1½ 7½
Lister 11.5—30/ 31/0
Lond. Cnt. Markets 10.55—45/3 6/3
Lond. Sub. Tract. Pf 11.3—10/ 11/0
Lovell Christmas 11.50—1 [illegible] 9/32
Lyons 10.53—1⅛ ⅜
A 11.5—4⅛ ⅜
Mackintosh P 11.5—27/6 8/6
Magadi Soda 11.12—4/0 5/0
Def 11.12—1/3 /9
Maple 11.50—1 15/32 19/32
Maypole Def 10.55—5 9 6/9
Nathan Pf Ord 11.5—17 3 18 3
Nelson 11.17—1⅛ 1 3/16
Nestles Pref 11.5—18/3 18/9
Niger S 10.49—16/9 17/9
Niger Notes 10.49—102½ 3½
Nob [illegible] 11.40—17/6 18/6
Paton Baldwin 11.40—51/0 2/0
Pekin Synd. 10.49—6/0 7/0
Shans 10.49—⅜ ½
Peters 11.1—7/16 9/16
Pink Pf 11.3—5/16 ⅜
Platt Bros. 11.47—41/9 42/3
Salt Union 11.1—21/9 22/3
Selfridge 6% Pf 11.50—23/9 4/9
10% Pf Def 11.50—25/9 6/9
Sellucourt 10.49—1¼ ⅜
Siemens 11.12—22/6 3/6
S Mc [illegible] 11.1—94 5
Smith Meat 11.47—¼ ½
Sm. 11.1—2/6 3/6
Spiers & Pond 10.56—25/6 6/6
S T D 11.1—6 3 7/3
Straker Squire 11.1—0/9 1/3
Swedish Match 10.56—6 13/16 7 1/16
T Tilling 11.1—30/3 31/3
Un. Cold Store 6 Pref 11.47—20/9 1/6
Un. Dairies 11.12—28/6 29/6
Un. Tob. S 10.56—42/0 43/0
Def 10.56—42/0 3/0
U S Leather 10.49—22 3
Van den Berg 8% Ord 10.53—1¼ ⅜
Whiteley 11.1—43/9 4/9
Willies Over. Crossley 11.1—4/6 5/3

TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

Anglo Amer. Def 12.27—24 ¼
Anglo B 12.27—103 4
East Tele 12.27—9 91
East. Extn. Tel. 12.27—19 ¼
Westn 12.27—18¾ 19
Globe 12.27—18⅞ 19⅛
Henley 12.37—47/9 8/9
Marconi 10.4—2 9/32 11/32 1.33—2¼ 5/16
Deb 10.49—3¼ 4 pm 1.33—3¾ 4¼
Marconi Pr. 10.49—2 3/16 5/16
Marconi Int. 10.49—10/ 11/3 1.33—10/3 10/9
Marconi Mar 10.49—1 9/32 11/32
Radio 10.49—15/3 16/3
Pref. 10.49—13/ 14/

MINING, LAND, ETC.

Afric Europ 11.20—½ ⅝
Amal. Zinc 11.30—1 ⅛
Ariz. Cop 11.30—⅞ 1
Anglo Amer 11.23—1 7/32 1 9/32
Ang. French 11.23—16/0 17/0
Akkim 11.33—19/6 20/6
Akoko 11.33—1/10½ 2/1½
Anglo Cont. 11.39—12/6 13/6
Appolonia 11.33—1/3 1/9
Apex 11.28—6/6 7/0
[illegible] 11.33—1/3 2/0
[illegible] 11.39—3/0 9/0
Ashanti G 11.39—11/6 12/6
Bechuanal 11.34—6/9 7/3
Brakpan 11.2—2 3
Balaghat 11.3—1/7 1/3
Bauchi 11.3—2/0 2/6
Pref. 11.9—4/0 4/6
Bisichi 11.39—5 9 6/3
Brit Brok Hill 11.30—1 11/16 1 13/16
Burma Cor 11.30—6/6 7/0
Cam Motor 11.45—2 7/32 9/32
Cent. Min 11.30—8½ ¾
Chartered 10.55—11/4½ 11 7½
Chartd Genl 11.34—8/6 9 0
Gaika Gold 11.34—12/3 12 9
Coronatn 11.23—5/0 5/6
Con Lang 11.28—16/0 17/0
Con Mines Sel 11.20—15/0 16/0
City Deep 11.23—2 11/16 ¾
City [illegible] 11.28—2 3/3
Cons Diam 11.23—21/6 22/6
Con. M[illegible] 11.23—12/3 12/9
Crown 11.23—2 13/16 3
Dagga Gd 11.23—3/3 0/9
De Beers Def 10.53—13 11/16 13 13/16
Pref 10.53—12¾ ⅞
Durban Deep 11.23—13/0 13/6
East Rand 10.53—7/7½ /10½
East Rand Mag 11.20—7/16 9/16
Falcon Mines 11.34—6/3 6/9
Ferreira Deep 11.23—8/3 0/9
Fanti Con 11.39—12/0 12/6
G C Amal 11.39—16/0 17/0
Geduld 11.20—3 1/16
Gen. Min 11.20—13/0 13/6
Globe P. 11.34—11/6 12/6
Goldfields 10.53—¾ 13/16
Geduld Dp 11.23—6 0 6/6
Glynns 11.23—⅝ ¾
Govt Area 11.23—3⅜ ½
Gurun 11.39—2/9 3/3
Henderson 11.34—2/1½ 2/4½
Johannes Inv. 11.9—30/0 30/6
Jantar 11.39—1/3 0/9
Jos 11.39—1/9 2/3
Kamunting 11.30—1 5/16 7/16
Kirkland 11.23—7/6 8 6
Knights 11.28—18/6 19/6
Knights Cent. 11.23—5/0 5/6
Ld Rhod 10.45—5/6 5 9
Loma Rhod 11.34—1 3 0/9
Lonely 11.34—1 11/16 13/16
Mashonald 11.34—3/9 4/3
Meyer Charlton 11.28—4 ¼
Modder Deep 11.23—2¼ ⅜
Modder 10.53—4 5/32 7/32
Modder B 11.28—6/6 7/6 6
Mo[illegible] 11.33 11/6 12/
Malay Tin 11.30—1 3/16 5/16
Min. [illegible] 11.30—5⅛ 6
Mt. Lyell 11.30—19/6 20/6
Mysore 11.30—11/3 11/9
Namaqua 11.30—1⅛ ⅞
Naraguta 11.39—⅝ ¾
[illegible] 11.39—4/6 5/6
Nw Jager 11.53—4 1/16 3/16
New Kleinfontn 11.28—6/3 7/0
Nat. Ming 11.23—2/6 3/0
N. Chart. 11.34—1/9 2/3
New Era 11.23—6/6 7/6
New State Area 11.28—2 23/32 25/32
Nigel 11.28—9/32 11/32
Nourse 11.23—17/3 17/9
Nundydg 11.30—9/0 9/6
Ob[illegible] 11.[illegible]—7/6 8/6
O[illegible] 11.34—3/0 0/6
Oorcgum 11.30—⅜ 25/32
Ouro Preto 11.9—⅝ 11/16
Oriental 11.20—⅜ ½
Premier Df 11.20—6⅛ 7
Pref. 11.20—6¼ 7
Primrose 11.23—5/0 0/6
Rand Min 10.53—2 29/32 31/32
Randfontein 10.53—1/4½ /7½
Rand G't. 10.53—14/10½ 15/1½
Rand Selec 11.23—3¼ ½
[illegible] 11.30—1⅛ ¼
Rezends 10.45—3⅛ ½
Rhod [illegible] 11.34—5/3 0/9 9/3 9/9
Rhod Cop 11.34—2/ /3
Rhod Bk Hill 11.34—5/6 9
Rio Tinto 10.49—32¾ 33
Robinson Dp A 11.23—1 25/32 27/32
B 11.23—13/3 13/9
Rayfield 11.39—2/9 3/3
Ropp Tin 11.39—7/0 7/6
Rose Deep 11.23—14/6 15/0
Selukwe 11.34—8/0 8/6
S. Amer Copper 11.9—10/3 11/3
Siamese 11.30—2 1/16 3/16
Springs 11.23—2⅜ ½
Sub Nigel 11.23—9/6 10/6
S. Crofty 11.30—3/3 0/9
Sulphide 11.30—15/3 16/3
Taquah 11.39—/6 6/6
Tran Dev 11.34—7/9 8/3
Trans Rhod 11.34—1/4½ /7½
Un. Rhod 11.34—3/0 6/0
[illegible] 11.20—¼ ½
Vereeniging 11.20—1 1/32 3/32
Van Ryn Deep 11.23—3 11/16 13/16
Victoria Falls 11.23—17/6 18/6
Pref. 11.23—25/9 6/3
Village Deep 11.23—16/0 17/0
Waihi 11.30—1 23/32 25/32
Welgedacht 11.20—⅛ ¼
W[illegible] 11.23—5/0 5/6
W Springs 11.23—15/0 16/0
Willoughby 11.34—3/9 4/3
Wit Dp 11.23—1 13/16 ⅞
Wolhuter 11.2—3/ /6
Zinc Corp 11.9—13/6 14/

THE MONEY MARKET.

FURTHER SHARP DROP IN TREASURY BILL AVERAGE.

Another large amount was repaid the Bank to-day but this movement had no effect on the supply of loanable credit in Lombard-street. Day-to-day loans were again on offer towards the close at under 1 per cent., but usually rates ranged from 1½ per cent. down to 1 per cent. Weekly fixtures went on at 1½ per cent.

Some disappointment was caused by the result of the Treasury Bill tenders, which were at a lower rate than expected. This was probably caused by heavy bank applications at low rates. Tenders for Monday bills at £99 9s. 4d. and above receive in full, while tenders for Tuesday to Saturday paper at £99 9s. 3d. and above also receive in full.

The rate indicated by these figures is about 2 3-16 per cent., as compared with 2⅜ per cent. a week ago. Two and three months' fine bank bills marked 2 3-16—⅜ per cent., "fours" 2⅜ per cent., and "sixes" 2½ per cent. Business in commercial paper was, however, extremely limited, while Treasury bills were not quoted. After a lapse of one month, Treasury bond tenders were again accepted, the rate being £99 3s. and above.

Silver reacted sharply on Chinese selling, and the cessation of Indian buying orders. Spot fell 11-16d. to 31 9-16d., and forward 5-16d. to 30 15-16d. Gold rose 2d. to 89s. nominal.

Although rates were very weak, little business passed in exchanges, the market being in a waiting mood. Francs, marks, and lire were the chief weak features, but the New York rate kept very steady.

	Previous closing.	To-day.
Paris	65.20—65.25	67.05—67.10
Amsterdam	11.70—11.71	11.69—11.70
Rome	90½—90¾	92—92¼
Madrid	29.58—29.60	29.59—29.61
Switzerland	24.56—24.58	24.47—24.49
Brussels	70.55—70.60	72.35—72.45
Berlin	37250—37750	39750—40250
Vienna	315000330000	315000330000
Bukarest	790—810	800—830
Warsaw	80000—84000	80000—85000
Prague	152—156	155—157
Finland	187—188	188—189
Christiania	24.45—24.50	24.55—24.60
Copenhagen	22.70—22.74	22.67—22.70
Stockholm	17.25—17.27	17.31—17.33
Greece	370—380	375—385
Lisbon	2 13/32—2 15/32	2 13/32—2 15/32
Rio de Janeiro	6d.	6d.
Mexico	25—28	25—28
Valparaiso	35.60	35.10
B. Ayres tel. trans.	44—44½	44—44¼
New York (cable) ..	4.65—4.65¼	4.64¼—4.64½
Montreal	4.69¼—4.69¾	4.66½—4.67½
Bombay tel. trans..	1/4⅛d.	1/4⅛d.
Calcutta tel. trans..	1/4⅛d.	1/4⅛d.
Hong Kong tel. trans.	2/3d.	2/3⅛d.
Shanghai	3/0d.	3/0d.
Yokohama	2/1⅛d.	2/1⅛d.
Singapore	2/4⅛d.	2/4⅛d.
Montevideo	44—44½	44⅛—44¼

FOREIGN STOCKS.

Arg. 1886 12.6—99 100
Arg. N. Cent. 12.6—95½ 96½
Arg. B. A. Water 12.6—97½ 98½
Arg. R. A. Port 12.6—85½ 6½
Arg. Resc. 12.6—72 3
B.A. 3½% 12.6—47½ 48½
Bergen New 12.6—2¼ 2¾
Belgian '14 12.6—67½ 68½
Braz. 1923 12.6—104 105
Braz. 1888 12.6—46 47
Braz. 1889 12.6—42 43
Braz. Res. 12.6—42½ 3½
Braz. 1908 12.6—80½ 81½
Braz. 1914 12.5—67 68
Braz. 1910 12.6—43½ 4½
Braz. 1911 12.6—46 8
Braz. 1913 12.5—51½ 52½
Czechoslovak 12.6—88½ 9½
Chinese 1896 12.6—93 4
Chinese '98 12.6—82 83
Chinese '12 12.6—72½ 73½
Chinese '13 12.5—75 76
Colombian 3% 11.44—52 4
6% 13's 11.44—9 71
6% 23's 11.44—66 8
Costa Rica 4% 11.44—62 64
Egypt Un. 12.6—83¼ ¾
French 5% 10.46—28½ 11.51—3 ½
French 4% 10.49—22¾ 3¼ 11.51—2½
Heine 12.6—7 8
German 3% 10.49—31/32 1 1/32
German 3½% 12.6—5/0 6/0
German 4% 12.6—7/6 8/6
Guatemala 11.44—42 44
Honduras 11.44—5½ 6
Italian 12.6—21 2
Japan 4% 12.6—88 9
Japan 4½% 1st 12.6—101⅞ 2⅛
Japan 2nd 12.6—101½ 102½
Japan 1905 12.6—87 89
Japan 1907 12.6—85 86
Japan 1910 12.6—67½ 68½
Mexico 4% 12.6—9 43
Mexico 5% 12.6—57 9
Mexico 6% 12.6—65 7
Irrigation 12.6—8 41
Mex. [illegible] 11.44—11½ 12½
1st 11.44—37 39
2nd 11.44—20 2
Nicaragua 11.44—63 5
Norw'y 12.6—102 ½
Paraguay 11.44—14 16
Peruvian 12.5—4⅛ ⅜
Peru Pref 12.6—28½ 29
Peru Debs 12.5—90 91
New 12.6—¼dis ¼ pm
Portuguese 12.6—27½ 28
Russia 5% 12.6—8 10
Russia 4½% 12.6—5 7
Russia 4% 12.6—5½ 6½
Salvador 11.44—52 6
Turk Unf. 10.49—25½ 6½
Uruguay 3½% 11.44—6 7
4% 11.44—60 2
Venezuela 11.44—64

FOREIGN RAILWAYS.

Antofagasta Ord 11.10—73 4
Arg. N. E. 12.17—80 82
Arg. N. 12.17—17½ 18½
B.A. Pac 11.10—52½ 53½ 12.17—52 53
B.A.G.S. 12.17—85½ 6½
B.A. West 11.10—80 1
Cent. Arg. 11.10—6 7 12.17—5½ 6½
Def 12.17—55 7
Cent. Uru 12.17—3 5
Costa Rica 12.17—20¼ 1¼
Cordoba Cent. 11.10—13½ 14½
1st Pf. 12.17—27 8
2nd Pf. 12.17—17 18
1st Deb 12.17—62½ 3½
2nd Deb 12.17—23
Entre Rios 11.10—24¼ 25¼
G W Brazil 12.17—2¼ 3
Leopoldina 11.10—35½ 36½
Midi 11.10—9 80
Nord 11.10—84 5
Orleans 11.10—9 80
Paraguay Cen 12.17—17 19
P L M. Rly 11.10—81½ 2½
Sao Paulo 11.10—119 121
Un. Hav. 12.17—70½ 1½

IRON, COAL, AND STEEL.

Armstrong 10.55—19/6 20/6
Baldwin 10.56—18/3 19/3
Bengal Iron 10.55—23/0 4/
Brunner Mond 10.56—37/3 38/3 12.24—37/ 8/
Cory, W 12.24—2¼ ½
Davis 12.24—6/9 7/3
Dorman Long 12.24—18/6 19 6
Ebbw Vale 12.24—14/0 15/
Fairbairn 12.24—27/3 23/3
Guest Keen 12.24—39 6 40/6
Lambert 12.24—2 29/32 31/32
North's Col. 12.24—6 6 7/
Powell D 12.24—1¼ ⅜
Stewart L. Def. 12.24—2 19/32 21/32
Swan Hunter 12.24—125 3
Un. Steel 12.24—10/6 11/6
Vickers 10.56—15/3 15/9

NITRATES.

Antofagasta 6½% 11.44—8 100
Aguas Blancas 11.44—24/0 25 0
Alianza 11.44—18½ 19½
[illegible] 11.44—1¼ ⅜
Angela 11.44—35/0 37 0
Anglo Chilian £1 11.44—2¾ 3
Barrenechea 11.44—1⅛ ¼
Lagunas 11.44—25/ 7 0
Lagunas Syn 11.44—4/0 5/0
Lautaro 11.44—7½ 8
Liverpool 11.44—3 ¼
London 11.44—2 2½
Lastenia Db 11.44—par ½ pm
New Tamarugal 11.44—32/3 4/0
New [illegible] 11.44—1 5/16 7/16
Rosario 11.44—27/0 9 0
Salar del Carmen 11.44—2⅛ ½
Santa Cat. 11.44—27/ 29/
Santiago 11.44—2 ¼
Santa Rita 11.44—1 5/16 1 9/16
Tarapaca 11.44—13/6 15/0

COMPANY RESULTS.

Gaiety Theatre Company.—Loss, after making all allowances of £4,096 against debit of £24,585. Total debit £27,024 carried forward.

A. and R. Thwaites.—Profit of £5,656, plus £2,490. Final dividend 4½ per cent., making 7 per cent.; bonus 3 per cent.; to reserve £1,000; forward £2,396.

MANY FALLS AT HURST PARK

TURBINE SECUNDUS AND WARWICK GO DOWN.

WIN FOR DOUBLE UP

VICTORIES FOR PERICO AND POOR WILLY.

HURST PARK, Friday.

Breezy and overcast weather was in evidence at Hurst Park, but the sun occasionally broke through. The course was damp after the overnight fog, and still bore traces of the recent rains.

White Ronald was on the spot, but, waiting for a later engagement, Poole's stable was represented by Spoil Five in the Amateur Steeplechase. He was naturally a not favourite in such a field, and had little difficulty in winning, though Loch Allen joined him in the last half mile, and the pair jumped neck and neck until reaching the final hurdle, where Spoil Five went right away.

Red Lassie came down, and the usually very safe jumper, White Cockade, also fell. It was the first time I have seen the old grey come to grief. Both horses were remounted, and ultimately passed the post far behind the winner, but, with their riders finishing with spirit, the crowd cheered as if it was another race.

A Tumble for Warwick.

Warwick had his series of wins cut short by falling in the Cardinal's Hurdle. He started favourite, but was pressed in the wagering by St. George and Perico. Royal Airman bungled the first flight and got out of the course, and then Greenchesters fell. The example seemed to affect Warwick, for he fell at the second hurdle.

Eventually Perico and St. George fought out an exciting finish, the former, well handled by Escott, winning by a head from F. B. Rees' mount.

Backers of favourites turned up to support another horse in Turbine Secundus, who has recently done well, and odds were laid on him for the Walton Steeplechase. Turbine Secundus unhappily followed the example of Warwick, and came a purler at the fence past the water. The only other seriously backed, Ned Carver, also upset his supporters, for he could get no nearer than third to Poor Willy, who led throughout the three miles.

There was a really smart lot of hurdle racers out for the New Year Handicap. Double Up headed the market, and there was plenty of money for Old Times and The Kiwi II., owned by Sir William Goulding, a prominent member of the Irish Turf Club and a famous athlete in his time.

This handsome mare has been in England some months and, now ridden by Duller, was expected to improve on her recent form and on her home record, which is distinctly good. The Kiwi II. dropped away very soon, as if the pace set by Old Times was too good, and, indeed, it was about the weakest performance of her three outings here.

Santavon ran fairly well, but not as well as St. Corentin, winner of the corresponding affair last year, and who has not been seen out for a long while.

Old Times was kept at the front by F. Rees most of the way, but approaching the straight, Double Up moved up, and two hurdles from home joined Old Times. His superior speed told when, after landing over the final flight, he strode home to score by three lengths from St. Corentin, the latter taking second berth from Old Times.

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1.0.—PARK AMATEUR RIDERS' STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Three miles.

SPOIL FIVE, by Earla Mor—Tauranga (Mr F W Ingram), a-12-5 ......Mr Chapman 1
LOCH ALLEN (Capt R C G Vivian), a-12-5 Capt Vivian 2
WHITE COCKADE (Mr J W Wood), a-12-5 Mr O Stanley 3

(Winner trained by G. Bennett.)

Also ran: Red Lassie (Mr Lerwill).

Betting.—5 to 4 agst SPOIL FIVE, 9 to 4 Loch Allen, 3 to 1 White Cockade, 100 to 8 Red Lassie. Won by five lengths; bad third.

At the first ditch Red Lassie fell but was remounted. Spoil Five led from White Cockade, who came to grief at the fence after the brook, second time round. Shortly afterwards Loch Allen closed with Spoil Five, who, however, retained the lead and won.

1.30.—CARDINAL'S (S) HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. Two mile.

PERICO, by Marcovil—Rosela (Mr H Escott), 6-12-2 ......A Escott 1
ST. GEORGE (Mr M Weil), a-12-2 F B Rees 2
PETTY CURY (Mr T Hartigan), 5-11-13 M Tighe 3

(Off 1.33. Winner trained by Escott.)

Also ran: Huonora (J Hogan jun.), Warwick (I Morgan), Ravella (G Duller), Greenchesters (Gregson), Wilverley Post (Trudgill), Royal Aairman (T Moreau), British Warm (Dick).

Betting.—9 to 4 agst Warwick, 3 to 1 St. George, 7 to 2 PERICO, 11 to 2 Ravello, 10 to 1 each Petty Cury and British Warm, 100 to 8 others. Won by a head; three lengths.

At the first hurdle Royal Airman ran out and fell as did Greenchesters, while Warwick fell at the next flight. Huonora led from St. George and Perico. At the final flight St. George appeared all over a winner, but was caught by Perico, who won. British Warm was fourth and Wilverley Post last.

Perico was sold to George Poole for 310gns.

2.0.—WALTON (S) HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Three miles.

POOR WILLY, by Cottager—Madam Tredennis (Mr W F Stratton), a-11-0 Gregson 1
MASK OFF (Mr Saunders), a-11-9 A Escott 2
NED CARVER (Mr F H Tattersall), a-12-0 L BRees 3

(Off 2.2. Winner trained by Stratton.)

Also ran: Turbine Secundus (Maj Doyle), Somniferum (R Smith), Little Revenge (T Costello).

Betting.—5 to 4 on Turbine Secundus, 5 to 2 agst Ned Carver, 10 to 1 POOR WILLY and others. Won by three lengths; two lengths.

Poor Willy led from Somniferum, Turbine Secundus, and Mask Off to the fence after the brook, where Turbine Secundus fell. Halfway Mask Off headed Somniferus, who shortly afterwards regained second place but was beaten entering the straight, Poor Willy leading throughout and winning. Little Revenge was tailed off.

There was no bid for Poor Willy.

2.30.—NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 400 sovs Two miles.

DOUBLE UP, by Huon II.—Princess sSymons (Mr A Barclay Walker), 6-12-1 F Morgan 1
ST. CORENTIN (M A C E Howeson), 6-11-2 F Fitton 2
OLD TIMES (Mr C Taylor), 5-11-3 F B Rees 3

(Off 2.31. Winner trained by F. Hartigan.)

Also ran: Santavon (J Anthony), The Kiwi II. (G Duller), Buffoon (A Escott), Jappool (L Rees).

Betting.—6 to 5 agst DOUBLE UP, 7 to 2 Old Times, 9 to 2 The Kiwi 5 to 1 Santavon, 10 to 1 St. Corentin, 100 to 8 Buffoon, 20 to 1 Jappool Won by three lengths; three-quarters of a length.

Old Times led from Santavon, Double Up, St. Corentin, and Buffoon for six furlongs, when St. Corentin went on second clear of Santavon ad Double Up. The latter closed with Old Times two hurdles from home and dashing into the lead at the final flight won. The Kiwi II. was fourth and Jappool last.

3.0.—JANUARY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. Two miles.

MAXTOI (Mr Eric Platt), 5-10-13 A Escott 1
BERGATE (Mr W H Dixon), a-11-2 F B Rees 2

(Off 3.4. Winner trained by Whitaker.)

Betting.—11 to 10 on MAXTOI, who won by a short head.

Maxtoi led for six furlongs, when Bergate dashed into the lead. At the final fence the pair were together, Maxtoi winning a great race.

3.30.—MOLESEY FOUR-YEAR-OLD HURDLE HANDICAP of 200 sovs. Two miles

LE CELLIER (Mr T W Blenkiron), 11-2 D Dick 1
CRUISER ARC (Mr T Richards), 10-9 G Duller 2
BARRACKTON LAD (Mr J O'Callaghan), 10-9 ......F Morgan 3

(Off 3.32. Winner trained by W. Nightingall.)

Also ran: Son o' Love (Smyth), Maxi (W Squire), Miss Balscadden (J Anthony), Bimbia (L Rees), Tip Tree (Moreau), Herne the Hunter (A Escott), Panthias (F Fitton), Milewater (Healy), Wandoo (F Rees).

Betting.—9 to 4 agst Barrackton Lad, 5 to 2 Cruiser Arc, 9 to 2 Panthias, 6 to 1 Maxi, 10 to 1 each Son o' Love and Miss Balscadden, 100 to 8 LE CELLIER and others. Won by a length; two lengths. Command was pulled up

Maxi led from Panthias, Barrackton Lad, Cruiser Arc, and Le Cellier for a mile, when Panthias forced the pace. Entering the straight Barrackton Lad took command but gave way two hurdles from home to Le Cellier and Cruiser Arc, the former winning easily. Panthias was fourth and Milewater last.

HAYDOCK PARK RESULTS

WATERFORD GLASS II. TAKES THE CHIEF EVENT

1.0.—ASHTON HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Two miles.

WISE PRINCE, by Prince Hermis—Golden Wisdom (Mr C F Kenyon), 6-11-3 M Dillon 1
WRANGLE (Capt A H Wheeler, 6-11-3 W Stott 2
ATHASI (Mr D W Barnett), 6-11-7 F Wootton 3

(Off 1.1. Winner trained by J. Dodd.)

Also ran: Braxina (J McKay), Abbot of Jervaulx (Waudby), Piercing Note (F Mason), King's Cross (W Hammett), My Bird (J Burns), Aris (Threlfell), Rung Ho (J Mason), Honeycomb (J Clark).

Betting.—5 to 4 agst Rung Ho, 4 to 1 Honeycomb, 5 to 1 each Athasi and WISE PRINCE, 10 to 1 Wrangle, 100 to 8 others. Won by three lengths; bad third.

On settling down Wise Prince led from Wrangle, Honeycomb, Rung Ho, and My Bird. About half-way Rung Ho fell, and Abbot of Jervaulx went on second. Honeycomb fell shortly afterwards, but Wise Prince retained the lead all the way. Abbot of Jervaulx was fourth and My Bird last.

1.30.—CULCHETH SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Two miles.

NITRIC, by William Rufus—Harronian (Mr J W Muriand), a-12-2 JMahoney jun 1
MANISTER PARK (Mr J P Hogan), a-12-2 Mr Delmage 2
PERFORCE (Mr J McShane), a-12-2 W Hammett 3

(Off 1.31. Winner trained privately.

Also ran: Dean's Grange (M Smith), Locator (G Wall), Leighlin Bridge (Mr Prioleau).

Betting.—2 to 1 agst Manister Park, 5 to 2 Dean's Grange, 3 to 1 Perforce, 4 to 1 NITRIC 10 to 1 others. Won by two lengths; one length.

Perforce led from Nitric, Manister Park, and Locator until half-way, where Nitric joined Perforce and took the lead entering the straight. Manister Park joined the leader two fences from home, but Nitric resisted the challenge and won. Locator was fourth and Dean's Grange last.

The winner was sold to Mr. Hogan for 130 gns.

2.0.—WARRINGTON HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 250 sovs Two miles

WATERFORD GLASS II., by Water Shed—Lady Mary (Mr H Cope), a-10-13 W Speck
ACROCEPHALUS (Mr Bolton), a-10-8 P Jones 2
PHANTOM WILLIE (Sir R M Liddell), 5-10-0 Waudby 3

(Off 2.0. Winner trained by Bullock.)

Also ran: Front Line (G Smith), Glenfarg (M Smith), Derryboy II. (F Wootton).

Betting.—Evens Derryboy II., 2 to 1 agst WATERFORD GLASS II., 5 to 1 Phantom Willie, 10 to 1 others. Won by a length; a neck.

Acrocephalus showed the way to Glenfarg, Front Line, Derryboy II., Phantom Willie, and Waterford Glass II. until half-way, where Derryboy II. went on third. Waterford Glass II. improved his position in the straight, and challenging Acrocephalus at the last obstacle, won. Derryboy II. was fourth and Front Line last.

2.30.—FRIDAY SELLING HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs Two miles

REGICLES, by Pericles—Reginunis (Mr B M Bullock), a-11-7 ......E Foster 1
LINGGI'S BOY (Maj J P Wilson), a-11-7 Maj Wilson 2
KNIGHT OF MANISTER (Mr W H Midwood), a-11-7 ......J Mason 3

(Off 2.31. Winner trained by Bullock.)

Also ran: Ballyhandy (T Leader), Derry (Waudby), Elson (F Wootton), Black Heart (Speck), Nnignep (S Jones), Prime Move (J Goswell), Amative (H Richards), Dial (Mr. Prioleau).

Betting.—11 to 10 agst REGICLES, 5 to 1 Knight of Manister, 6 to 1 Ballyhandy, 10 to 1 each Elson and Prime Move, 100 to 8 others. Won by five lengths; eight lengths.

Black Heart led from Niugnep, Amative, Dial, Prime Move, and Regicles. After going half-way Regicles went on from Prime Move, Amative, Linggi's Boy, and Knight of Manister, and although the last named challenged at the final hurdle, Regicles retained the lead and won. Derry was fourth and Amative last.

Regicles was retained for 125gns.

3.0.—GERARD HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs Two miles.

DIBBINSDALE, by Dibs—Aunt Jane (Mrs Sanday), a-10-6 ......F Mason 1
FLY BOY II. (Mr F Sharp), a-10-7 Sheridan jun †
CINZANO (Mr J Kemp), 6-10-4 M Howard †

(Off 3.2. Winner trained by Sanday.))

Also ran: Commander Smith (Waudby), Blue Stem (W Hammett), Lochar (G Wall), Swimmer (J Goswell), Shrewsbury (M Dillin).

Betting.—2 to 1 agst Lochar, 3 to 1 DIBBINSDALE, 5 to 1 Fly Boy II., 7 to 1 Commander Smith, 8 to 1 each Shrewsbury and Cinzano, 100 to 8 others. Won by five lengths; dead heat for second place.

Dibbinsdale led from Fly Boy II., Lochar, and Shrewsbury. After going six furlongs Fly Boy II. joined the leader, but Dibbinsdale again went to the front in the straight, and resisting the challenge from Cinzano and Fly Boy II., won. Lochar was fourth and Commander Smith was tailed off. Swimmer fell at the water.

3.25.—AMATEUR RIDERS' STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Three miles.

GARDENRATH, by Pam—Punnett (Mr J T Rogers), a-12-0 ......Mr. Prioleau 1
JIMMU (Mr G P Sanday), a-12-0 Mr Delmage 2
PASTURES NEW (Mr R Thelwell), a-12-0 Mr Tanner 3

(Off 3.28. Winner trained by D. Rogers.)

Also ran: Command (Mr A Knowles), Udan (Mr P Dennis), Lord Ballivor (Maj Wilson).

Betting.—11 to 8 on Jimmu, 4 to 1 agst GARDENRATH, 6 to 1 each Command and Udan, 10 to 1 others. Won by a length and a half; four lengths.

At the water Udan was in front, followed by Pastures New, Gardenrath, and Jimmu, and after going two miles Pastures New was leading from Udan and Lord Balivor. Between the last two fences Gardenrath drew out from Jimmu and won easily. Lord Ballivor was fourth and Command last.

BIG SCORE AGAINST MACLAREN'S TEAM.

NEW ZEALAND DO WELL IN THE SECOND TEST.

Almost perfect weather favoured the first day's play at Christchurch of the Test Match between New Zealand and Mr. Maclaren's team.

This is the second Test Match of the tour, the first resulting last week in an overwhelming win for the English players.

A. C. Maclaren was unable to play owing to an injury to his knee, says Reuter.

The New Zealanders had first knock, and, batting all day, they had scored 313 for seven wickets when stumps were drawn.

Collins played a very attractive innings of 102, which included sixteen fours.

Not a Single Chance.

He hit freely all round the wicket, and during his stay of just under two hours and a quarter he did not give a single chance

A lively partnership between Shepherd and Dacre put on 86 runs for the sixth wicket in three-quarters of an hour.

The English fielding was very good.

NEW ZEALAND.—First Innings.

Collins, c and b Brand	102
Blunt, c Freeman, b Brand	33
Snedden, c Titchmarch, b Brand	0
Lambert, b Freeman	33
Shepherd, lbw, b Calthorpe	66
Garrard, c McLean, b Calthorpe	6
Dacre, c Titchmarsh, b Calthorpe	45
Bernau, not out	2
McGirr, not out	0
Extras	26
Total (for 7 wkts.)	313

SIMMONS TO MEET MORGAN.

Boxing articles have been signed for a twenty rounds contest, at 8st. 7lb., between Sammy Jones (Wales) and Van Dyk (Holland), to take place at the Ring on January 13.

Articles have also been signed for a fifteen rounds contest at 9st. 9lb., for £100 a side, between Alf Simmons (Hackney) and Danny Morgan (Wales), to take place at the Ring on January 25.

THE KING'S HORSES.

Thirteen two-year-olds belonging to the King have been named. They are: Knight of the Garter, Sunny Joe, Abbess, Welkin, Tee-Tan, Mosaic, Reverie, Carmel, King Cup, Zapania, Ceramic, Erne, and Resinato.

WATERLOO CUP BETTING.

Some betting on the Waterloo Cup took place during the Avon Valley meeting at Downton yesterday, and Tricky Lass advanced to 20 to 1, with Beaded Bess firm at 25 to 1. Vanguard was knocked out at 66 to 1.

NEWMAN v. FALKINER.

The match of 13,500 up between Newman and Falkiner was continued at Thurston's Hall, in Leicester-square, this afternoon, when the champion was leading by 547.

Newman was in play with a small unfinished break, the scores being 10,801—10,254 in his favour.

Newman started well by increasing his unfinished run of 18 to 130, of which the last 60 were made off the red ball.

He followed this with runs of 58, 35, and 85, while Falkiner made breaks of 29, 130, and 25.

Scores: Newman 11,277, Falkiner 10,503.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The eighth heat of 2,000 up in the second round of the Amateur Championship was begun at the Burwat Hall, in Soho-square, this afternoon. The players were J. J. Ashley and J. Nugent.

Ashley made a capital start, and in under an hour he scored 302, while his opponent was making 104.

Nugent could not make a long stay at the table, and his highest break during this period was 18. Ashley, however, played fine billiards, and, in addition to breaks of 74 and 71, he made runs of 22, 32, and 25.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Hurst Park engagements: Polisson and Financier.

Haydock Park engagements, January 5 and 6: Smashaway and Devil's Own.

Lord Denman, Major-General the Hon. Sir C. E. Bingham, Sir Claude Champion de Crespigny, and Mr. T. P. King were the acting Stewards at Gatwick yesterday.

NEW WEST END PLAY DISCLOSURE.

SIR G. DU MAURIER AND MISS VIOLA TREE

JOINT AUTHORS.

Sir Gerald du Maurier.

The mystery concerning the authorship of Sir Gerald du Maurier's next play at Wyndham's, which is screened under the name "Hubert Parsons," has been disclosed by the visits of the writers to a typist's office in the Adelphi.

The authors are the famous actor-manager himself and Miss Viola Tree, who in private life is Mrs. Alan Parsons.

The name of the play is "The Dancers," and after the evening performances of "Bulldog Drummond," at Wyndham's, Sir Gerald and Miss Tree foregather in the fastnesses of Duke-street, W.C., in order to put on the finishing touches of the play.

MISS VIOLA TREE.

MURDERED CLUB SECRETARY.

It was stated at the resumed inquest that the cash-box stolen from William Hallam, the Kirklington, Notts, club steward, who was murdered on December 19 as he was leaving the club at night, had been found in the River Greet at Kirklington. The cash-box, which had contained the week's takings, amounting to £25, had been broken open.

HARD LABOUR FOR LIARS.

At Old-street, to-day, John Arthur Boult, of Shoreditch, and William Charles Ball, of Hoxton, were sentenced respectively to fourteen days' and twenty-one days' hard labour for wilfully making false statements to the Shoreditch Guardians for the purpose of obtaining relief.

MISS SYBIL THORNDIKE.

The "Pall Mall" understands that when the run of "The Dippers" finishes, Miss Sybil Thorndike will produce at the Criterion "Advertising April," by Herbert Farjeon.

"Advertising April" is a satire on the booming of the cinema.

WALTHAMSTOW GARAGE FIRE.

A large garage in Grosvenor-street, Walthamstow, last night was practically destroyed by fire.

The roof of the building fell in, and four motor-cars and a tri-car were lost in the flames.

LIMIT PUPIL TEACHERS.

In a letter to education authorities the Board of Education points out the undesirability of preparing more persons for the teaching profession than are likely to find employment in schools within a reasonable time.

Dr. Edward Bunnett, F.R.C.O., city organist of Norwich, died this morning at the age of 88.

LATEST NEWS

ILFORD DECISION.
SOLICITOR SAYS: EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HAS BEEN DONE.

"I'm very much surprised," was the comment of Mr. F. A. Stern, the solicitor who defended Mrs. Thompson, when he was informed of the Home Secretary's decision.

"I cannot see that there was any direct evidence against Mrs. Thompson that she participated in the crime. Everything possible has been done for her."

COUNTRY HOUSE BURGLARY.

The house of Sir Charles Nall-Cain, at Welwyn, Herts, was burgled last night. This was the second attempt in three months.

The burglar was found by the night watchman, and after a desperate struggle, in which the burglar used a knife, he was overcome and handed over to the police.

MINING MARKETS.
ANOTHER FLURRY IN CAMS.

At the close of to-day Cam and Motor shares provided the sensation among the mining markets by spurting to 1 17-32 bid and to 1 9-16 for "new time."

STOCK EXCHANGE CLOSING PRICES.

War Loan 100½, Conversion 75¼, Funding 86¼, Consols 55 13-16, French Fours 23, Fives 29, German Threes 15-16, Perus 4¼, Prefs. 28¾, Tintos 33, Great Westerns 110¾, Brums 105, Souths 35½, Berwicks 34.

MINES.—De Beers 13¾, Jagers 4 1-16, Consolidateds 21s. 3d., Rand Mines 2 15-16, Crowns 2 15-16, City Deep 2 11-16, Modders 4 3-16, Johnnies 30s. 6d. Robinson "B" 12s. 4½d., Durban Deep 13s. 3d., Village 16s. 3d.

Cams 50s., London-Rhodesians 5s. 9d., Rezende 3 7-10, Globes 14s., Colombians 7s. 3d., El Oro 8s. 4½d., Friscoes 18s. 3d., Russos 9s., Esperanzazs 12s. 6d., Siamese Tin 2¾.

Miscellaneous.—Vickers 15s. 6d., tax free Prefs. 18s. 1½d., Armstrongs 20s., Bolckows 19s. 6d., Marconis 2 9-32, Debs. 4 prem., Dunlops 8s. 10½d., Cyprus Asbestos 7s. 9d., Prefs. 26s. 6d., Courtaulds 62s. 3d., Imperial Tobacco 72s. 9d., "Bats" 88s. 3d.

Shells 4 3-16, Eagles 2, Phœnix 25s. 4½d., Venezuelans 25s., Rubber Trusts 23s. 9d., Linggi 1 21-32, Anglo-Dutch 34s. 6d., Bitings 6s. 6d.

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